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At the groundbreaking for the Inwood Property Development project, the ribbon-cutting took place in what will be the parking lot. From left were Nassau County Legislator Carrie Solages, Isaiah Moultrie Jr., Asaiah Moultrie, Eluah Moultrie, Bishop Isaiah Moultrie, Ehi Uwa, Lawrence Hammond, Hempstead Town Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby, Sidney Joyner, Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum and Rob Calarco.

Breaking ground on Inwood project

By MELISSA BERMAN

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There was no pause in the shoveling of dirt and the hammering of construction crews during the ceremonial groundbreaking on June 26 for a 48-unit affordable-housing complex to be constructed by the Inwood Property Development LLC, on Bayview Avenue.

The development is planned near the Inwood Long Island Rail Road station. It will be spread across 23 acres, at 360 to 370 Bayview Ave.

The ceremony had an unmistakably spiritual feel: Not only did Bishop Isaiah Moultrie, of Moultrie Temple Church of God and

Christ, lead off with a welcoming prayer, but many of the speakers praised God, and emphasized how thankful they were that this day had finally come.

"The past 10 years, we've been trying to put this project together," Moultrie said, "and thank God that He allowed this to finally come to fruition."

Moultrie, a 90-year-old retired Marine, has hoped for a development like this for most of his life. He has always been interested in creating housing for veterans and members of law enforcement, because they had a difficult time finding housing when he left the military.

He ran a food pantry in Inwood for 20

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IDF soldiers appreciate local support

Families are proud, but also worried

By PARKER SCHUG

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Noah Dure, a 24-year-old Five Towns native who is serving in the Israel Defense Forces, says that the American families of soldiers who are serving in Israel are having a difficult time.

"It's a different type of perspective," Dure said at a gathering last Saturday at Young Israel of Hewlett, referring to the relatives of soldiers in the Five Towns, many of whom volunteer in efforts to support those in Israel. "The people that have it the worst are the families they don't know what's happening."

Dure was drafted into the IDF in 2019, and released in 2022. But he was recalled last Oct. 7, after Hamas attacked Israel, and served once more until the end of February, when he returned to the United States. His IDF military service restarted again on June 1, and he was back serving in Israel.

"It was quite crazy in the states prior to the war," Dure, who is from Hewlett, said. "It was very stressful, not really

understanding what was happening. We got our gear — it wasn't the best gear, but it didn't even matter. We had a job to do."

Dure, who is a 20-year-member of Young Israel of Hewlett, was moved around Israel after his return in October, and stayed beyond his initial release date because he was needed.

"I got sick for a few days because it was so dirty," he said.

On his time off, he shared his experiences at YIH.

"It was kind of weird, because going back to the States at this time, everyone treated me like a celebrity," he said. "To me, it's my job. It's an honor to be (in Israel)."

He said that the war was just as bad in northern Israel, something many were not aware of.

"Just so amazing, just to come back and be able to speak, and be able to smile, and be part of davening," Eric Rogers, the president of YIH, said of Dure, referring to reciting Jewish prayer.

"I think it is very brave of him to have voluntarily joined the IDF to protect the country that is now his home, and by

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Sepe for a stock competition 'three peat'

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Joshua Sepe has done it a third time, that is, win the New York Stock Market competition, which he won last spring as a junior and again this fall, as a senior.

"I was happy to see that I was able to win the game and represent the school in such a positive way," Sepe wrote in an email. "I was hoping to reach a total 200% gain over the competition, but I was still able to break my previous record so I was still happy with my and proud of myself for that."

To start students receive \$100,000 in play money to practice investing in and buying equity stocks, mutual funds and bonds and bonds to learn how to trade and invest for financial freedom.

Joseph Virguilio, business education chairperson in the Hewlett-Woodmere District, said Sepe earned an \$85,000 profit during the spring 2023 competition at the districts board of education meeting on June 12.

"That's very very hard to do," Virguilio said.

In the fall, he came away with a \$158,000 profit.

This spring, he came out successful once again with a profit of \$171,000.

Sepe competed individually in the competition where he could compete with a team or on his own. The competition went from January of 2024 to the middle of February.



Courtesy Hewlett-Woodmere schools

Hewlett High School Principal Alexandra Greenberg, left, Joseph Virguilio, Hewlett Woodmere business education chairperson and Jared Pittelli, far right, adviser of the Hewlett High School's Stock Market Club honored Joshua Sepe's third win in the New York State Stock Market competition at the June 12 Board of Education

"The strategy from previous competitions remained the same, with using various means of technical and fundamental analysis to make strategic and profitable investments," Sepe said. "Don't fix what isn't broken, that's my motto."

Jared Pittelli, the high school's Stock Market Club adviser, through which Sepe competes in the competition, said at the June 12 meeting that Sepe started from scratch each round with \$100,000.

"I also want to congratulate his parents, because not only an amazing investor, but even better person," Pittelli said. "He's awesome."

Sepe said he was confident he would come away successful again, early on in the competition.

"I knew after the first two weeks of the game that I won because I pulled away from all the other groups and had a substantial lead ahead of second place, which carried on through the rest of the competition," he said. "It's also funny, because I remember at the beginning of the school year, I told Mr. Pittelli that I was going for the three peat and I hadn't even won the second competition yet."

The statewide competition, sponsored by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association Foundation, sees about 5,000 participants, each round.

Through the process, Sepe said his only hardships were in managing his game account along with his personal account.

For future competitors, Sepe advised exploring individually.

"Find a strategy that works for you, master it, and then just rinse and repeat," Sepe said. "There are hundreds if not thousands of different pattern, indicators, and methods, with each trader having their own preference. For me the strategies that have worked best is the ICT concepts (based on price action) created by trader Michael J. Huddleston."

Sepe will attend the Dolan School of Business at Fairfield University.

"I am excited to continue this path at Fairfield University by becoming a part of the student investment fund/team which pitches and invests real money for the university," Sepe said. "Also, taking advantage of any internships and competitions that would positively benefit me and the University."

NCJW Peninsula Section celebrates Founder's Day

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The Lawrence-based National Council of Jewish Women-Peninsula Section, honored two women with the Hannah G. Solomon Award at the organization's annual Founder's Day celebration.

Fran Denny and Myra Garber were recognized for their involvement and leadership in the NCJW section's community, at Temple Avodah in Oceanside on June 21.

"Receiving the Hannah G. Solomon award is the highest honor given by NCJW," Bonnie Sperry, NCJW Peninsula Section executive director said. "The recipient or recipients are an outstanding and inspirational person who has touched the lives of others through service and dedication and exemplify the mission of NCJW."

The Peninsula Section was founded on Oct. 7, 1936, by a group of woman, with the goal of education and advocacy. Hannah G. Solomon and some volunteers founded the overarching organization at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893.

Founder's Day drew members from around the county, who were once involved in the Five Towns and now participate in section events from afar.

Denny has a wealth of volunteer experience under her belt, starting as a child.

"I can still remember the feelings of belonging to a room, even though I was



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Myra Garber was honored with the Hannah G. Solomon Award at the annual National Council for Jewish Women Peninsula Section's Founder's Day event.

the youngest kid there and youngest person there," Denny said of the emotion associated with helping her community.

In recent years, she lent a hand at a mental health outpatient facility. She studied to be a paraprofessional counselor and was a life-coach. Outside of work, Denny takes painting classes and paints for recreation.

Denny followed in her daughter Linda Gorin's footsteps in joining National Council for Jewish Women Peninsula Section. Denny served as section president, vice president of membership, vice president of fundraising and helped with the Back2School store.

Garber joined the section after retiring from a career in education. She taught at Long Beach Middle School and Nassau Community College.

When she attended a Peninsula Section event, Garber learned about the organization's programs and was convinced to become involved.

She served as president and executive vice president of the section, vice president for Jewish Affairs and is now vice president for advocacy.

Garber led the section through the beginning of the Covid pandemic and now spearheads the fight against antisemitism among other advocacy efforts.

"My work for and with the National Council of Jewish Women Peninsula section has enriched my life beyond belief," Garber said. "I thank you again for the opportunity to work for women, children and families, and for bestowing me with this amazing honor."

Judi Braverman, a Hewlett resident who died earlier this year, was remembered as part of the ceremony, as she would have also been a Hannah G. Solomon Award recipient.

The celebration featured food, poems presentations for award recipients, raffles and silent auctions along with prayer for Israel and the Jewish community at large.

Previous Hannah G. Solomon Award winners were acknowledged while attendees shared stories and plans for the fiscal year of the organization, including continuation of the period project, helping to supply women with feminine products, the Back2School Store, planned to provide children access to school supplies and other initiatives aimed at supporting the Five Towns community and beyond.

For more information visit NCJWPeninsula.org.

Santa Marina masses and feast in Inwood

By MELISSA BERMAN

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For over 100 years, the Santa Marina Society in Inwood has been celebrating and honoring the patron saint Santa Marina.

The annual feast and mass is held to commemorate their ancestor's immigration from Filandari, a small town in the Calabria region of Italy to Inwood. Their devotion to Santa Marina is what makes

Santa Marina **Feast 2024**

- Wednesday, July 10: Novena Mass at 8 p.m.
- Thursday, July 11: Novena Mass at 8 p.m.
- Friday, July 12: Feast with games, rides, food and music at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, July 13: Mass in Italian at 10 a.m.
- Saturday, July 13: Feast with games, rides, food and music at 7 p.m.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 68 Wanser Ave., Inwood

Santa Marina Society

this feast special.

"So many people immigrated from that town and stayed local to the Five Towns and do come back every year to participate in this annual event," said Fran Cimato-Perna.

The Santa Marina Society's annual feast will be held on Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13. There will be Italian food, games, rides and music starting at 7 p.m. each night.

The Novena masses are held on Wednesday, July 10 and Thursday, July 11 at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 68 Wanser Ave., Inwood.

"We have a mass on Saturday in Italian, and then we have a procession through the streets of Inwood, which is the religious part for us," Cimato-Perna said.

After the mass, there is a procession through the streets of Inwood carrying a statue of the patron saint, Santa Marina.

The religious aspect of the weekend is the whole reason people come and gather. People who visit the patron saint are doing the most important thing, while the feast is for the community at large.

The feast is important for the society because it raises money for Our Lady of Good Counsel, and serves as a major fundraiser to pay for anything the church needs.

The Santa Marina Society was founded in 1921, and carries on the same legacy over a century later. The society is comprised of three main board members



Herald file photo

The annual Santa Marina Feast celebrates the patron saint, Santa Marina of Filandari, Italy.

— President Sal Cimato, Vice President Marino Curra, and Treasurer/Secretary Giovanni Curra.

"The same families have been running the feast and mass for over 80 years when they immigrated from Filandari," said Giovanni Curra, treasurer/secretary of the Santa Marina Society.

Even the carnival is in honor for Santa Marina. Admission is free. Guests pay for food, games and the rides.

The two-day carnival is fun for everyone, but for some it still comes back to the religious aspect and paying homage to the patron saint.

"It means a lot to do this, even though the neighborhood has changed tremendously it used to be majority Italian, it's not that anymore," Curra said. "We still continue to keep the Italian tradition of the feast and ultimately raise money for the church and keep it afloat."

Gural JCC shines a spotlight on its volunteers

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another year of events and expressing how much they help the community was the focus of the Marion & Aaron Gural JCC's annual general meeting.

Held at the Gural JCC's Harrison-Kerr Family Campus in Lawrence, the June 26 get together highlighted major events and activities from the 2023-2024 year and announced new and upcoming projects to be unveiled soon.

"Our mission to sustain and enrich the quality of life for all members of the greater Five Towns community, social, educational and recreational programs and service guided by universal Jewish values," said Executive Director Stacey Feldman.

Based on a 2023 study by the UJA Federation of New York, there are 166,000 Jewish households in the metropolitan area, 9 percent of which are considered poor or near poverty, and 37 percent can't make ends meet, Feldman said. In the survey, 6 percent responded that they don't have enough food monthly and 600 households said they run out of food every month.

"We are wealthy and impoverished, it means that we have working fami-

lies that are stretched too thin," Feldman said. "It really means that individuals and families in our communi-Celebrating the volunteers for ty are struggling to pay their bills and put food on our table."

> The situation has created an increase in the need for family services offered by the JCC, including what is considered the largest kosher food pantry on Long Island — The S.H.O.P. (Sustenance, Hope, Opportunities, Place), in Cedarhurst.

> The S.H.O.P, which is open six days a week, has the most amount of volunteers, compared to the JCC's other initiatives. The pantry dispensed 960,000 pounds of food from July 2023 to June 2024. Almost 600 families rely on it each month for

> "While programmatically, we had a wonderful year but the situation in Israel is close to our hearts and minds," Feldman said. "We partner with the village of Cedarhurst and Assemblyman Ari Brown on the Five Towns rally in support of Israel."

> Volunteer Services Manager Laurie Brofsky described the upside of being involved with the JCC.

> "Volunteering raises mental health, volunteers often make new friends, learn new skills, or find a new career path," Brofsky said. "Best of all, volunteering brings fun and fulfillment into their lives, it feels good to do good."

Compassion, an open-mind, and a willingness to pitch in wherever needed and a positive attitude are the volunteer's attributes, according to Brof-

There were more than 660 individuals that volunteered with the JCC, providing over 800 hours of community service the past year. The ages ranged from young children to seniors in the community.

"Tonight, we are fortunate to have a number of our volunteers in attendance and many are reluctant to be recognized for the work that they do," Brofsky said. "It's OK to be acknowledged for what you do."

Carol Roth, the S.H.O.P. 's operations manager, announced that Rena Kwestel was the recipient of the firstever Mark Dubin Chesed Award for Outstanding Volunteer Services. Dubin was an outstanding volunteer.

"It's important for you to know who Mark Dubin was and what he did, he was an amazing person," Roth said. "He was a constant presence at the S.H.O.P for many years, the donations he brought to the S.H.O.P allowed us to offer varieties of items for families in the community."

Kwestel did not attend the meeting, but it was said she greatly appreciated being honored.

"Volunteers, we could not do all we do without you," Brofsky said.



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Marion & Aaron Gural JCC Executive Director Stacey Feldman, left, and Volunteer Services Manager Laurie Brofsky, right, hold the first Mark Dubin Chesed Award for Outstanding Volunteer Services to Rena Kwestel at the annual meeting on June 26.

Benefit concert set for July 11 at Chesed Center

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extension, the home for all the Jewish people, and stand up for what he believes in," Elana Mendelev, Dure's older sister, said. "So it's something I'm extremely proud of. Of course, it also means that I'm always very nervous and worried for his well-being and his safety."

YIH hosted the event with Esther Krown, the mother of Sara Krown, another organization member who is now serving in the IDF; Mendelev; and Rabbi Simcha Hopkovitz, a member of the YIH Emergency Fund Committee and a representative of the Israel Chesed Center in Hewlett.

"The emergency fund is paying for equipment for helmets, vests and boots for Noah and Sara," Stephen Krown, Sara's father, said.

Hopkovitz, who has grown close with both Dure and Krown, said they created their own paths.

"I've had the Dures and the Krowns over my house," Hopkovitz said. "They're not the preaching type that's important, they were never the preaching type — but by example, they

showed devotion to Orthodox Judaism, to the people of Israel, the land of Israel, responsibility for community, and the kids internalize it on their own."

A benefit concert is scheduled for July 11 at the Chesed Center, at 1315 Peninsula Blvd. in Hewlett, to solicit additional support.

"One of the biggest issues that we're faced with is that, as the war continues, it becomes less 'sexy," Marc Bodner, the center's director, said. "People tend to, I wouldn't say forget, but kind of look away from the need. There's a lot of

donor fatigue."

The need for equipment is high, Dure said, but all kinds of support helps. "Showing that voice and sending those letters, just knowing that you're there gives us so much strength," he

Tickets for the concert are \$18 in advance, and \$25 at the door. A sponsorship is \$180. Tickets can be purchased at YihHewlett.org.

To become involved at the Chesed Center, go to IsraelChesedCenter.com.



Courtesy Stephen Krown

Noah Dure, a former Hewlett resident who serves in the IDF, told of his experiences at a gathering at Young Israel of Hewlett.



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Courtesy Stephen Krown

Young Israel of Hewlett and the Israel Chesed Center are coming together to host a fundraising concert, to bring people to the center and to solicit support for the IDF.



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Housing should be completed next July

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years, and has always given back to the community. "My wife and I tried so hard here in Inwood to make this project work," Moultrie said.

He choked back tears as he spoke, and his words were met with a chorus of "amens." He thanked the county officials who attended and who had helped him through the application process.

Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum, a former spiritual leader at Temple Israel of Lawrence, represented Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, and noted that Blakeman had been an advocate of the project when he was a Hempstead town councilman.

"Bruce was filled with a sense of joy, excitement, hope and appreciation for all who made this dream possible," Rosenbaum said. "On behalf of Bruce, I hope that this apartment house — (a) source of refuge, hope, joy, family, love — be filled always with the presence of God."

Rob Calarco, who represented Gov. Kathy Hochul, noted that the governor has made housing a top priority across the state.

"We know that we simply do not have enough housing to meet the needs of the residents who live right here," Calarco said. "To be able to celebrate a groundbreaking like this is another step towards meeting that demands and making sure the residents who live here can stay here."

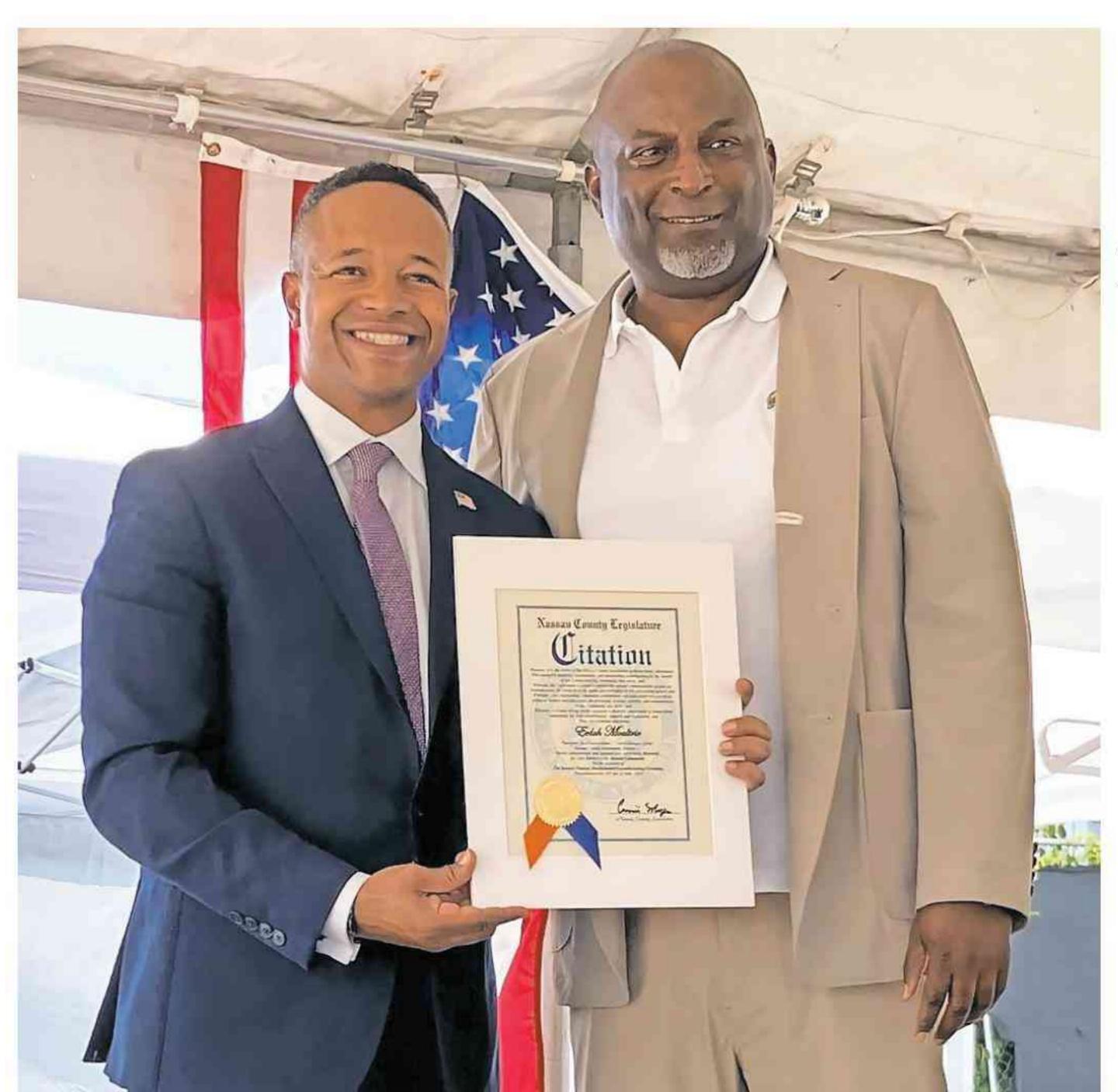
He said that more seniors should have access to affordable housing, in order to create a housing cycle that would benefit future generations of residents.

"To Bishop Moultrie, congratulations for having the vision and perseverance to keep pushing, and seeing this through," Calarco added. "I'm glad to announce that the state has been a part of this project by financing through the Homes and Community Renewal (program), with \$4 million in financing to help make this project happen."

Lawrence Hammond, senior vice president of the Community Preservation Corporation, who played a part in the development, explained that his organization is a community-development financial institution focused primarily on providing financing for affordable family and workforce housing, including for military veterans.

"Over the last five decades, we've deployed roughly \$15 billion to help finance more than 225 affordable workforce housing developments across New York and the country," Hammond said. "I'm proud that we're able to be a part of this collaborative effort, and to have worked with you all to make a difference here."

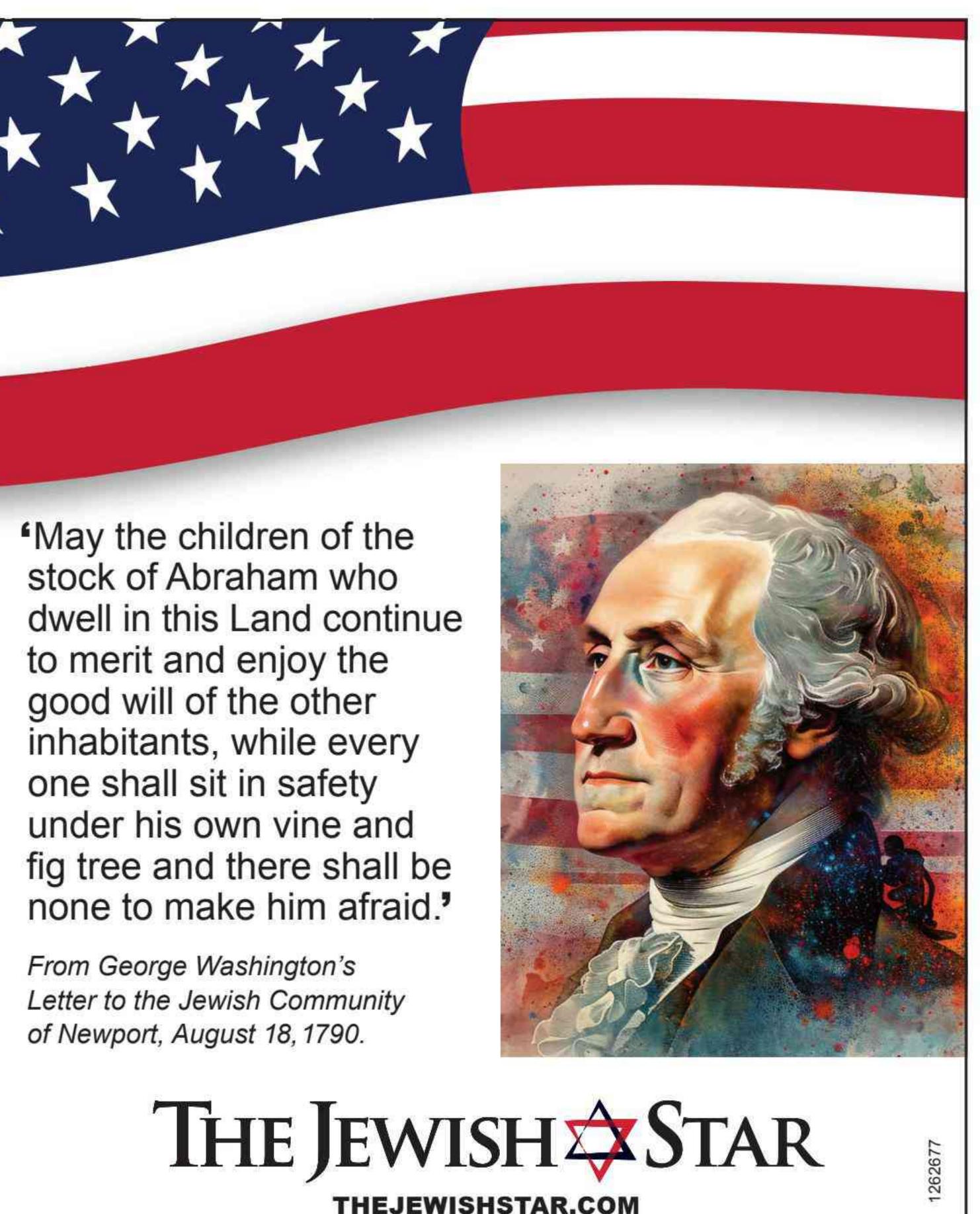
The project is expected to be completed by next July.



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Nassau County Legislator Carrie Solages presenting Isaiah Moultrie Jr. with a citation for the groundbreaking of the Inwood Property Development project.





HERALD SPORTS

A salute to champions from 2023-24

By TONY BELLISSIMO

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It was a banner season for many high school athletic programs in the Herald's coverage area. Listed are the top team accomplishments, in chronological order.

1. East Meadow boys' soccer

History was made Nov. 1 as East Meadow completed an improbable run to its first-ever Nassau County boys' soccer championship with a thrilling 4-3 victory over Plainview in the Class AAA final at Mitchel Athletic Complex. Robert Derwin scored twice and Raymond McLeod and Dylan Wauchope both found the back of the net for a third straight postseason game for the Jets, who eliminated top-seeded Uniondale and Baldwin in the quarterfinals and semis, respectively.

2. South Side girls' soccer

In the 2021 Nassau Class A girls' soccer semifinals, South Side's Nora Basile converted a penalty kick to help knock off Garden City and the Cyclones went on to win county and Long Island titles. Basile found herself in an even bigger pressure situation Nov. 1 against the same Garden City goalkeeper (Marisa Patrissi) when she stepped to the penalty kick line in overtime of the Class AA final after teammate Charlotte Rathjen was taken down in the box. Basile scored 1:25 into OT to give South Side a 1-0 victory over the Trojans. It was the 30th county title in program history and 10th for the team under coach Judi Croutier.

3. Calhoun boys' volleyball

With things looking dim and the championship seemingly out of reach after it once was within its grasp, Max Jose put Calhoun on his shoulders and lifted it to the boys' volleyball county title. He had 24 kills, including four at the end of the dramatic fifth set, as the fifth-seeded Colts withstood six match points to claim their third Nassau Division II crown in four seasons with a thrilling 25-22, 25-20, 23-25, 19-25, 18-16 victory over No. 2 Jericho at SUNY-Old Westbury Nov. 8. Lucas Rogers had 19 assists, including feeds to Jose that helped put away the match, and Mark Restivo added 11 digs.

4. East Rockaway girls' volleyball

East Rockaway's girls' volleyball team had a magical season come to an end on Nov. 9 when it fell in the Long Island Class C championship to Port Jefferson in three sets 17-25, 23-25, 19-25. The season was still a huge success, however. The Rocks were able to snag the Nassau Class C championship Nov. 6 with a sweep of Carle Place. East Rocka-



Brian Ballweg/Herald

East Meadow boys' soccer, the No. 8 seed in Nassau Class AAA, took out No. 1 Uniondale, No. 4 Baldwin and No. 2 Plainview to capture its first-ever county crown.

way, which won 10 matches in 2023, was led by Nicole Zugnoni, Grace Buffetti, Sofia Ramirez and libero Stephanie Lynch. The latter ranked second in the county with 332 digs.

5. South Side football

Clinging to a three-point lead in the Nassau Conference III championship game Nov. 17 after Floral Park found the end zone with 5:21 remaining, South Side's offense made sure the Knights never touched the football again. Michael Melkonian, Owen West and Jack Lozito all produced clutch first downs on the final possession as the second-seeded Cyclones sealed their first county title in 22 years with a hardfought 17-14 victory before a crowd of more than 3,500 at Hofstra's Shuart Stadium. Lozito rushed for 114 yards and scored the eventual winning touchdown on a 4-yard run with 9:24 remaining.

6. Seaford football

Two clutch plays on its opening drive set the tone for what proved to be a convincing championship win for Seaford in the Nassau Conference IV football final against Cold Spring Harbor Nov. 18. Facing a third-and-11 three plays into the game, quarterback Tim Navin found receiver Kyle Britton, who fought for extra yards to gain a crucial first down just past midfield. Three snaps later, Britton executed a reverse on a thirdand-nine for 10 yards. The 7:12 opening drive eventually capped by a 25-yard field goal from Jake Anzelone provided the first points for Seaford en route to a commanding 30-6 win at Hofstra's Shuart Stadium.

7. Long Beach girls' volleyball

If anyone told Kerri Rehnback back in September her swansong as Long Beach girls' volleyball coach would include Nassau County and Long Island titles and end on the state championship stage, she would've "signed up in a heartbeat." So while bittersweet, the Nov. 19 defeat to Webster Schroeder in the state Class AA final was a little easier to absorb given all the Marines accomplished in 2023, starting with a sweep of top-seeded Mepham for the county crown. Long Beach's run was led by Franki Kelleher, Zoe Moller, Amy Littman, Ivanka Priymak, Hayley Lipinski and Franky DeCicco.

8. LWA boys' basketball

Hank Williams Jr. drilled six 3-pointers en route to a game-high 25 points and Chris Clark hit some key shots and finished with 15 as Lawrence-Woodmere Academy captured its ninth Private Schools Athletic Association boys' basketball crown and first in seven years with a 66-54 win over Stony Brook School at Stony Brook University Feb. 16. Sylvanus Tabe added nine points and Josh Smith added eight for LWA, which went 21-5 after going just 8-8 the previous season.

9. West Hempstead boys' basketball

West Hempstead was slow out of the gate in the Nassau Class B boys' basketball finals March 1, playing its first game in three weeks before turning on the jets when it mattered most. The topseeded Rams trailed Carle Place by nine midway through the second quarter but

quickly began to take control by scoring 28 of the next 36 points en route to a 54-45 win for the program's first county championship since 2003. West Hempstead received balanced scoring led by 13 points each from Chris Young, Isiah Blunt, Graffeo-Jackson and Evan Wilson.

10. Baldwin boys' basketball

It's difficult to beat a quality opponent three times in a season, in any sport at any level. And when it comes to Nassau County high school boys' basketball, accomplishing that feat against arguably the best program over the past two decades — with 400 wins and nine championships — is that much tougher. A stifling defense, clutch offense from Chase Timberlake (16 points) and the steady hands of point guard Peyton Howell (12) allowed Baldwin to avenge a pair of regular-season defeats to Port Washington and capture its fourth straight county title, 46-26, in the Class AAA final March 2 before a crowd of more than 3,000 at Farmingdale State College.

11. East Meadow girls' basketball

The girls' basketball team will finally have a banner in the East Meadow High School gym. Allison Twible scored a game-high 20 points and Charlotte Viola added 18, including two huge free throws in the final seconds, as the seventh-seeded Jets claimed their first-ever county championship after holding off top-seeded Manhasset, 69-66, in the Nassau Class AA title game March 4 at

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HERALD SPORTS

No shortage of fantastic sports finishes

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Farmingdale State College. Angelina Cronin scored 13 points and Kayla Lederer had 12 with a key steal in the final minute for East Meadow, which beat the top three seeds en route to the title.

12. Elmont boys' basketball

Just in case the situation presented itself in the Long Island Class AA boys' basketball championship game, Elmont head coach Ryan Straub introduced an inbounds play at the previous day's practice for which the Spartans had just a few seconds from midcourt to execute a shot. So when Straub called timeout March 9 with 2.6 seconds remaining in regulation and the score tied at 51, it was go time. And Arlyn Brown delivered. He took the inbounds pass from Gemere Frias-Walsh, dribbled twice and lofted a shot just inside the threepoint line that banked in as time expired, giving Elmont an astounding 53-51 victory over Half Hollow Hills East before a crowd of more than 3,500 at Farmingdale State College.

13. Calhoun girls' track

Calhoun's girls' track and field team was finally able to slay the Valley Stream North dragon on its home turf to capture the program's first-ever spring county title during the Nassau Class AA Championships May 21. Following their seventh straight conference championship that pushed their meet winning streak to 103, the Colts earned 60 of their 94 points in the field events – including a sweep in the triple jump and three of the top four spots in the long jump – to win the county title. Calhoun finished almost 17 points ahead of the runner-up Spartans after finishing second to North in the last two spring championship events.

14. North Shore girls' track

The North Shore girls' track and field team deserves a parade down Sea Cliff Avenue to honor its starry accomplishments across the years. The North Shore girls wrapped themselves in more maroon glory at the Nassau Class A championship meet May 24. The Vikings won the title in a landslide as 13 athletes earned All-County honors. It gave legendary coach Neil Levy his 40th combined county championship that includes the winter track and cross-country seasons. This one was extra special as North Shore's 126 points was more than the combined scores of the second (Island Trees) and third-place (Valley Stream South) teams.

15. Wantagh boys' lacrosse

As the Wantagh boys' lacrosse team stormed the field at the end of the Nassau Class C final it was more than just rejoicing in a county championship, but the chance for a close-knit group to extend their high school careers together. Top-seeded Wantagh captured the program's first county title since 2001 with a convincing 13-4 win against Island Trees at Hofstra's Shuart Stadium May 24 to cap a far different ending than the previous two seasons when the Warriors fell on the finals stage to Manhasset. Dylan Martini sparked the offense with six goals. Joe Nicholson added a hat trick and Jake Martini, Dylan's cousin, had two goals and three assists.

16. Oceanside softball

Catcher Sophie Nesturrick had the best seat in the house Memorial Day weekend as Oceanside captured its first Nassau County softball championship since



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Elmont won the Long Island Class AA boys' basketball title on a shot at the buzzer by Arlyn Brown.

2015. The third-seeded Sailors got a lights-out pitching performance from Caroline Ferchland in Game 2 and completed a sweep of two-time defending champion Massapequa with a 2-0 victory May 26 at Farmingdale State College. Oceanside took the Class AAA best-ofthree series opener 24 hours earlier, 4-3, behind a complete-game effort from pitcher Olivia Ikes.

17. Seaford softball

The Wantagh and Seaford softball teams were separated by the slimmest of margins this spring. They split a pair of regular-season matchups as well as the first two games of the Nassau Class A championship series before Seaford took the rubber match and the county title, 6-2, May 28 at Farmingdale State College. The Vikings, who last year won the Class B title, trailed the Warriors in the clincher before scoring three times in the top of the fifth. Kaitlyn Young, Katie Young and Alyssa Rodriguez collected RBIs to back the clutch pitching of Skyler Secondino.

18. Clarke baseball

Two of Nassau County's most successful baseball programs over the past 25 years squared off in an epic championship series, with Clarke defeating Wantagh in the decisive third game at Farmingdale State College, 5-0, to claim the Class A title May 28. Nick Berasti went the distance, throwing 99 pitches, as the Rams captured their eighth county crown in program history and seventh under longtime coach Tom Abruscato. Dylan Vikara drove in Giancarlo Rengifo in the bottom of the first for the eventual winning run. Vikara had two RBIs and Rengifo scored twice.

19. Wantagh girls' lacrosse

It took two days but was well worth the wait for Wantagh's girls' lacrosse program. The Warriors withstood a 16-hour weather delay and top-seeded Manhasset's desperate fourth-quarter rally to capture the Nas-

sau Class C championship, 11-10, at Adelphi University's Motamed Field May 30. Sienna Diglio and Juliana Cerasi scored three goals apiece and Riley Forthofer and Isabella Santiago both netted a pair as Wantagh won its first county title since 2017 and snapped the Indians' streak of five straight crowns. Forthofer also had two assists. The game was halted the previous night due to severe weather with 6:56 remaining in the third quarter and with No. 2 Wantagh clinging to a 7-5 lead after Manhasset scored the first three goals of the second half in a span of 59 seconds.

20. Kennedy softball

On the way to helping lead the Kennedy softball program to its first-ever Nassau County championship, pitcher Lia Fong allowed a total of 10 runs in six playoff games. So when she took the circle in the bottom of the first inning of the Long Island Class AA title game against West Islip with a 4-run cushion May 31, the "pressure was off," Fong said. She struck out the side in the bottom of the first, and went on to fan 11 more batters as the Cougars continued their historic season with a convincing 10-1 victory. Samantha Kapitansky scored 3 runs, Fong drove in a pair, and Kayela Heaney, Kayla Indich and Bella Parzych all scored twice.

21. South Side boys' lacrosse

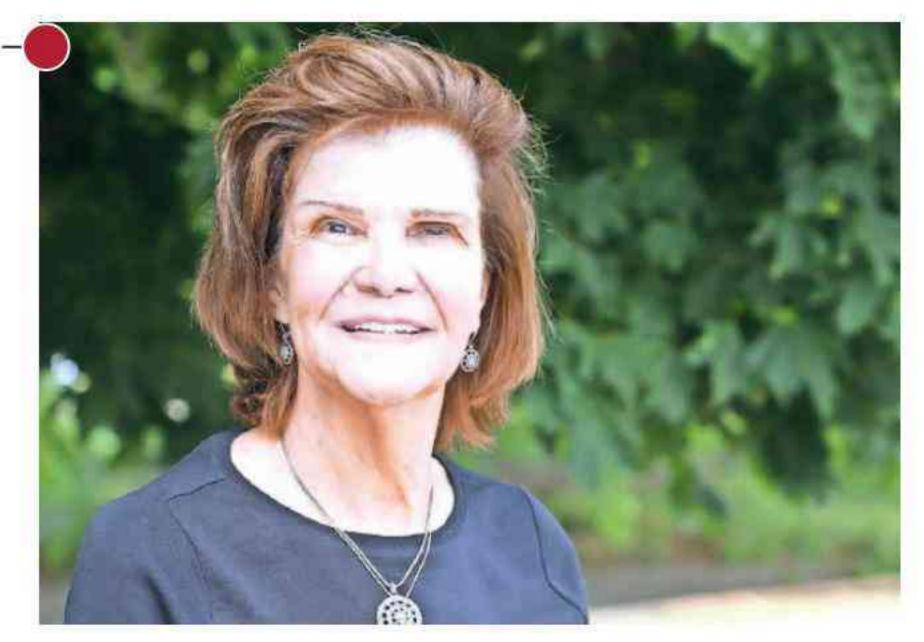
Trailing by 5 goals in the second half for the second time in four days, South Side's boys' lacrosse team scripted an ending fit for Hollywood June 1 in the New York State Class B boys' lacrosse championship game. The Cyclones forced overtime on Michael Aiello's dramatic goal with 0.8 seconds remaining in regulation, then secured the title 19 seconds into OT when Cole DiPietro took a pass from Liam Livingston and scored to secure an unforgettable 12-11 win over Victor at Hofstra University. South Side, which won its 15th consecutive game and captured its first state crown since 2004, finished 21-1.

VIEWFINDER How does patriotism play a role in celebrating the Fourth of July?

By Danielle Schwab & Tim Baker

Denise Drescher -Elmont

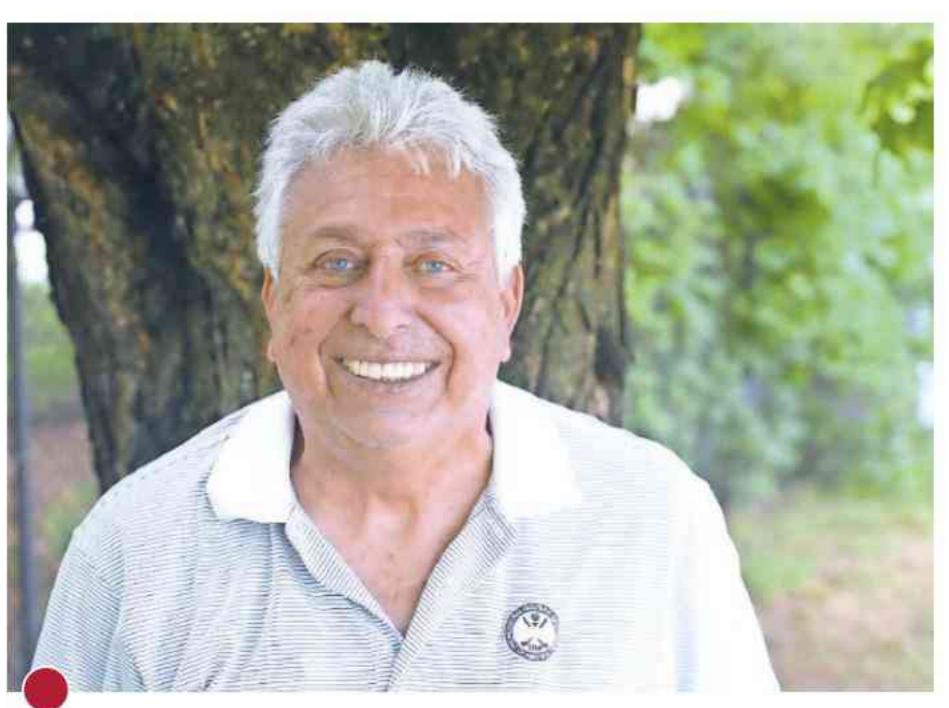
I always get my grandkids a white t-shirt with an American flag on it. We went over the history of the Star-Spangled Banner. We need to show what we stand for, the freest country in the world.



Claudia Borecky – Merrick

I want my grandchildren to grow up with the same freedoms my parents came to this country for. The rule of law, the right to vote, the Constitution, and all the freedoms that came along. Love of country matters now. Patriotism matters.





Bob Longo Rockville Centre

It makes us respect the country. I spend the Fourth of July with family. It's about respecting the people around you, just trying to be a good human being.



Cat Natoli Valley Stream

It's an important day to reflect on the history of the U.S., how so many of us came to live here from different paths, and how that shapes who we are. We think of friends and family that have been in the military, people who have sacrificed to be here.



Sean Patrick Brennan Malverne

Patriotism represents the shared love we all have for this country. We have different beliefs and opinions, but real patriotism is about celebrating with pride the ideals and promises of our beautiful nation throughout history.



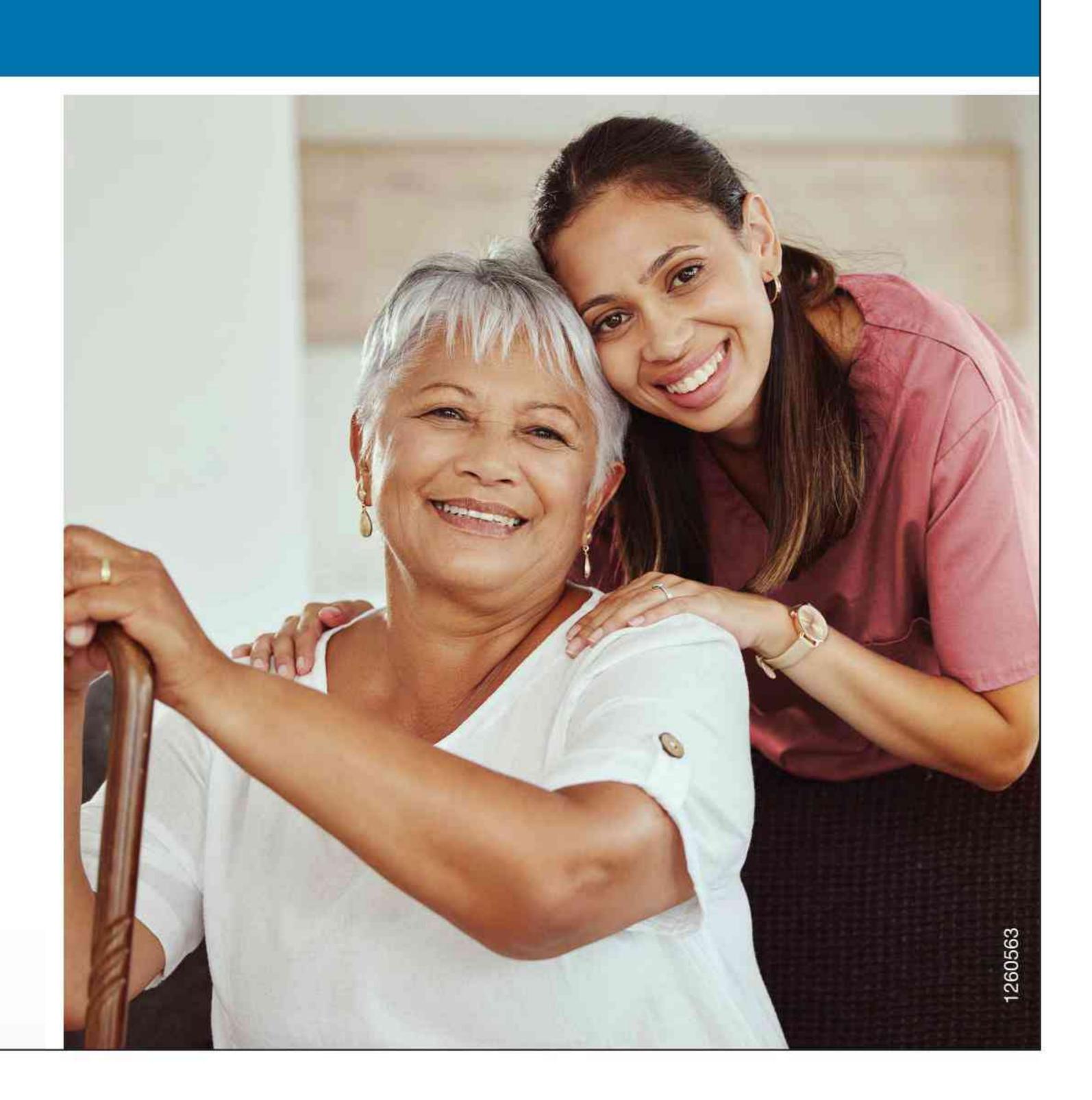
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Queenie Chen, one of 300 to a receive full ride

By PARKER SCHUG

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Hewlett High School senior, Queenie Chen, is one of 300 students across the country, this year, to receive the full-ride Gates Scholarship, from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The foundation's goal is to help students from low-income backgrounds realize their maximum potential, Samantha Nasso, Hewlett-Woodmere public information assistant wrote in an email.

"Being a recipient is an incredible honor and a life-changing opportunity," Chen wrote in an email. "It not only covers my entire undergraduate tuition but it also offers other services such as mentoring, leadership development, and career guidance. This will help me navigate college and prepare me for a successful career after graduating."

Chen applied to the scholarship, submitting grades and her rank within her class. She was notified in December that she was a semi-finalist and then provided two letters of recommendation and a list of her 12th grade course work and extracurricular activities, a copy of her resume and four short essays.

She found out she was a finalist in March and was interviewed.

"I remember receiving the email on April 20th, 2024 around 8 PM," Chen wrote. "I was at Cornell for admitted students day. I saw the notification pop up on my phone and was scared to open it. I had



Courtesy Queenie Chen

Hewlett-High School senior Queenie Chen, fourth from left, is a member of Key Club, among other clubs, which had part in earning her the full-ride Gates Scholarship, awarded to just 300 students across the country.

no idea what to expect because I understood how selective the scholarship is. I mentally prepared myself before opening the email. I was shocked by what I saw, I couldn't believe what I was reading 'Congratulations! You have been selected as a Gates Scholar!""

Candidates must be a high school senior, from an African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian and Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American ethnicity, Pell-eligible, a United States citizen, national or permanent resident, in good academic standing with

a grade-point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.

Preferably, candidates should be in the top 10 percent of their graduating class, demonstrate leadership and have personal success skills, all while looking to enroll full-time in a four-year degree program at a U.S. accredited, not-for-profit public or private college or university.

Chen, who transitioned from middle school to high school at the peak of the pandemic, had a hard time adjusting at first, but quickly found her footing, she said, enrolling in 10 Advance Placement courses, three college courses and maintained a GPA in the high 90s throughout high school.

She is part of several high school honor societies, is secretary of the Yearbook Club, co-treasurer of the Foreign Language Honor Society, historian of the National Honor Society and the Garden Club's social media coordinator.

Chen volunteered with Queens Congresswoman Grace Meng's team, as their ≥ youngest volunteer in the summer of 2022.

Melissa Leder, Chen's Hewlett High counselor, was "floored" when she learned of Chen's success, but "not surprised," she said.

"It is so rewarding for a student who is this deserving to receive such an honor that speaks towards her merit, her effort, and her character," Leder wrote in an email. "With the college process placing such demands on students regarding selectivity and financial burden, to see her success in navigating both is truly spectacular."

Chen will attend the Gates Scholarship Summer Institute in Phoenix, Arizona this month where she'll meet other scholars and attend workshops on how to maximize her college experience.

In the fall, Chen will start biological studies at Cornell University, which she hopes to follow with medical or dental school in the future.

"I hope to graduate from Cornell knowing that I left my mark and was able to have a positive impact on others," she said.



¹⁰ Take a bike ride through Peninsula Public Library

By PARKER SCHUG

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Five Town's adults without a bicycle are in luck. The Peninsula Public Library will pilot a bike-lending program, starting this month.

"Libraries are lending out power washers, cameras, signs or things that sometimes you don't need to buy," Carolynn Matulewicz, Peninsula Public Library director said. "Just making it reusable and just use it as needed, so we're starting a library of things sometime in July."

On June 20, the library soft launched its bike portion of this program. Four bicycles donated to the library by the Long Island Bicycle Co-Op were on display, with balloons, refreshments and information from Matulewicz and Emma Balsam, a representative of the State Department of Transportation Statewide Mobility Services Program.

"The New York State Department of Transportation's (NYSDOT) Statewide Mobility Services Program has several goals including improving air quality across New York State and prevent reduce congestion," Balsam wrote in an email. "The program promotes use of alternative modes of transportation, such as bike-share, carpooling, using public transit, walking places — as an alternative to driving alone in your car. These alternatives help to reduce single



Parker Schug/Herald

Emma Balsam, left, representative of the State Department of Transportation Statewide Mobility Services Program and Carolynn Matulewicz, Peninsula Public Library director introduced the library bike-lending program, which will start at the library this month.

occupancy vehicles (SOVs) on the road, improve air quality, and cut down on traffic."

The NYSDOT Statewide Mobility Program determined Cedarhurst and Inwood 'disadvantaged communities' with a disproportionate burden by pollution, climate change and high concentrations of low-income households, Balsam added.

"Bike libraries expand transportation options, are free to use and are free of greenhouse gas emissions," Balsam said.

Multi-family units and apartment buildings in these towns, prevent large spaces and long-term storage options for bikes.

"The ability to borrow a bike shortterm could help alleviate this concern," Balsam said.

Peninsula Public Library is the first library in the state to take part in the program.

"We have to test the waters we've never done this before," Matulewicz said. "I can't call up another library and say, how's it going at your library. As the guinea pigs here, we're starting out and we're going to tweak it as we go along."

The Wyandanch Chamber of Commerce was the first organization to take on the program, lending bikes out of the Spin the Yard organization storefront.

In order to borrow a bike, patrons must be 18-years-old, have a library card and sign a waiver.

They can reserve the bicycle for a day or an extended period, being that it is returned in good condition.

Patrons will be able to reserve bikes online from the Peninsula Public Library website, or walk in and reserve them, if they are available.

The Long Island Bicycle Co-Op will maintain the bicycles and do repairs if necessary.

For updates on the program start and how to reserve a bike, visit Peninsula-Public.org.

One vote lifts Livreri to Atlantic Beach board

By PARKER SCHUG

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Anthony Livreri was elected to the Atlantic Beach village board, earning just one more vote than incumbent Edward Sullivan.

The June 18 election ended in a tie between Livreri and Sullivan, both with 214 votes. In a recount, the Nassau County Board of Elections determined that Livreri collected 215 votes and Sullivan 214.

"It's an honor to have been elected to serve the community," Livreri wrote in a statement to the Herald. "I look forward to working with Mayor (George) Pappas and all the Trustees to continue to improve and maintain the integrity of our quaint Atlantic Beach Village."

Livreri, 42, said he is an "environmentalist" and hopes to preserve the village's beauty in their beaches and resident access points, he said.

He currently volunteers with the village's Beach and Parks Commission, working on ensuring beach cleanliness and smooth lifeguard and security operation. In his role as trustee, he hopes to continue enforcing beach rules.

"A lot of my focus is on the environ-fied community, he said. mental aspect of it because there is a lot of existential environmental threats and maintaining our part for the community," Livreri said previously.

Livreri said he hopes to continue



Photos courtesy Anthony Livreri and Ed Sullivan

Anthony Livreri, left, was elected to the Atlantic Beach village board after the vote for a trustee spot ended in a tie between him and incumbent, Edward Sullivan. Livreri earned the spot in a recount edging Sullivan by one vote.

building community with year-round residents, to make the village less of a summer beach town, but instead a uni-

He moved to Atlantic Beach in 2013 with his wife and two daughters.

"I want to be able to contribute to the future of the village and hopefully shape how things are done moving forward," Livreri said.

Wade Deltramo, general counsel for the New York Conference of Mayors, said that in order to decide the tie, the Beach resident, decided against runcounty had to conduct a recount first. Being that Livreri came out victorious after the recount, no future measures were necessary, such as a coin flip or by lot, or in other cases a run-off election,

according to Kathleen McGrath from the New York Board of Elections.

Barry Frohlinger, 69, was also elected to the board where he hopes to focus on village money.

"I'm going to straighten out the financial situation that the town is currently in," Frohlinger said previously.

He is prioritizing timely financial updates for village residents and improved financial literacy within the board, he said.

According to Frohlinger, the village's property tax has increased 60 percent over the last seven years and 20 percent over the last 2. Frohlinger said that reserves are down 65 percent over the last seven years.

In settling an eminent domain lawsuit, the village paid Chabad of the Beaches in Long Beach, \$400,000 for four years and legal fees of over \$300,000. The village has also paid out \$750,000 for the property adjacent to the Chabad site, a matter that is beach regularly discussed within village meet-

Atlantic Beach village mayor, George Pappas was re-elected, as well.

Linda Baessler, a 49-year Atlantic ning for re-election.

The Atlantic Beach village board meets next on Monday, July 8 at 7:45 p.m., at Village Hall, 65 The Plaza, Atlantic Beach.

HAFTR seniors honored by Rock and Wrap it Up!

Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway High School seniors Abbi Kammerman and Kevin Levy are the recipients of the 2024 Rock and Wrap It Up! Sid Tanenbaum Memorial Award.

The award is given to a student who demonstrates both a love of basketball and a love for learning.

"They must have compassion, be a team player and live a life of humility as Sid Tanenbaum did," Syd Mandelbaum, founder and CEO of Cedarhurstbased Rock and Wrap It Up! said in a news release.

Tanenbaum, who lived in Woodmere and owned a metal-stamping shop in Far Rockaway, was known more for his charity than the two-handed set shot that made him a star basketball player for New York University in the 1940s and the first Jewish All-American basketball player.

He left the school as its leading scorer with 922 points, and played two season in the Basketball Association, the forerunner of the NBA, for the New York Knicks and the Baltimore Bullets (now



Courtesy Syd Mandelbaum

The 2024 Rock and Wrap It Up! Sid Tanenbaum Memorial awards went to HAFTR High School seniors Abbi Kammerman and Kevin Levy. Rock and Wrap It Up! founder and CEO Syd Mandelbaum is in the middle.

the Washington Wizards).

Tanenbaum, then 60, was stabbed to death in his shop in 1986, by a woman he had given money to several times. He was known for helping the homeless people in the area. After his death, Dolph Schayes, another Jewish basketball star, inducted him into the Jewish Athletes Hall of Fame in 1994.

Both students will take a gap year in Israel. Kammerman will then attend Barnard College in the city and Levy will head to the University of Maryland.

— Jeffrey Bessen

Kaminetsky runs unopposed for 10th term

Courtesy Irving Kaminetsky

Sanitary District 1

Commissioner Irving

Kaminetsky is running for a

serving as commissioner for

10th term. He has been

There's no trash lying around when it comes to Irving Kaminetsky, Sanitary District 1 commissioner for 45 years.

Finishing up his ninth term as commissioner, Kaminetsky is running unopposed for a 10th. The term is five years.

He is one of five commissioners, along with — Frank Argento, Gwynn Campbell, Avi Fertig and James Vilardi.

"I really love being able to help people and that's why I'm running," Kaminetsky said. "I will be getting calls 24/7 no matter where I am and I'm able to help them, I like being able to do that."

He prides himself on his leadership skills and innovative ideas that serve the community. The initiatives include — annual

shredding day events, enhanced annual erev (day before) Pesach (Passover) community-wide trash removal, rear yard pick-up and on-demand bulk pickup.

As commissioner, he deals with the budget, overseeing the pre-Passover pickup, and keeping the sanitary district taxes the lowest in all of the Town of Hemp-

stead.

"I just love being able to give back to the community and truly helping people," Kaminetsky said.

He wants to continue having the lowest taxes, and providing the best service possible for the people of the community.

The five commissioners work as a team and everybody pitches in to do what they can for the community, Kaminetsky said.

"Hopefully everybody is going to appreciate the job that we do and come out and re-elect me," he

said.
Voting will take place
on Monday, July 8 from 6

p.m. to 10 p.m. at Sanitary District 1, 2 Bay Blvd., Lawrence.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Amended Atlantic Beach Bridge Drawbridge Operation Regulations

Effective June 6, 2024

As published in the U. S. Federal Register Vol. 89, No 89 Tuesday May 7, 2024/ Rules and Regulations, the U. S. Coast Guard amends the drawbridge operations of the Atlantic Beach Bridge as follows:

Section 117.799 Long Island New York Inland Waterway from East Rockaway Inlet to Shinnecock Canal

PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

- ■1. The authority citation for part 117 continues to read as follows: Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 33 CFR 1.05–1; and DHS Delegation No. 00170.1. Revision No. 01.3
- ■2. Amend § 117.799 by revising paragraph (e) to read as follows:
- § 117.799 Long Island, New York Inland Waterway from East Rockaway Inlet to Shinnecock Canal * * * * *
- (e) The draw of the Atlantic Beach Bridge across Reynolds Channel, mile 0.4, shall operate as follows:
- (1) From October 1 through May 14 the draw shall open on signal from 8 a.m. to midnight.
- (2) From midnight to 8 a.m. year-round, the draw shall open on signal if at least eight (8) hours of notice is given by calling the Bridge Tower at 516–239–1821.
- (3) From May 15 through September 30, the bridge will open on signal except from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays, and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day, when the bridge will open on the hour and half-hour.

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¹² Mount Sinai honors 'health care heroes'

By KEPHERD DANIEL & RYAN DEMINO

Of the Oceanside/Island Park Herald

Mount Sinai South Nassau dedicated its new Maidenbaum Health Care Heroes Plaza on Monday to the hospital's doctors, nurses and health care workers in honor of their extraordinary efforts during the coronavirus pandemic. The plaza was made possible by a significant donation from Iris and Shalom Maidenbaum, property tax reduction experts from Maidenbaum Property Tax Reduction Group LLC, and member Amy Madmon.

"We support a lot of local organizations that deal with people with disabilities, and a lot of them are from the South Shore," Madmon said. "A lot of them will use this hospital and other areas of the county. We focus on the people that are most affected by just living here. By supporting everybody that's here, we can focus on our clientele and show them that we support them. Not only that they're from this community, but that we are, too, and we give back to them."

The plaza, at the front of the hospital, will serve as a lasting tribute to the nurses, doctors and support staff who cared for patients throughout the pandemic. It is adorned with brick pavers, trees and benches, and is the focus of the hospital's Buy a Brick fundraising campaign, in which the bricks will be inscribed with messages from staff, benefactors and local residents.



Tim Baker/Herald

Shalom and Iris Maidenbaum and Amy Madmon were joined by elected officials and Mount Sinai health care workers as they unveiled Health Care Heroes Plaza.

Dr. Aaron Glatt, chairman of the department of medicine and chief of infectious diseases, highlighted the heroism of health care workers who, contrary to their instincts, ran toward danger in order to save lives.

"A hero is a person that overcomes his natural inclinations and does good," Glatt said. "During Covid, every single employee ran towards the fire. We are honored and are so moved by all of the hospital heroes at Mount Sinai South Nassau and throughout the health care industry, who never for a moment stopped taking care of very sick patients. I think it's important that people realize who the true heroes are."

The ceremony was attended by elected officials including U.S. Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, State Sen. Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Assemblymen Ari Brown and Brian Curran, Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, Legislators Howard Kopel and Patrick Mullaney, Hemp-

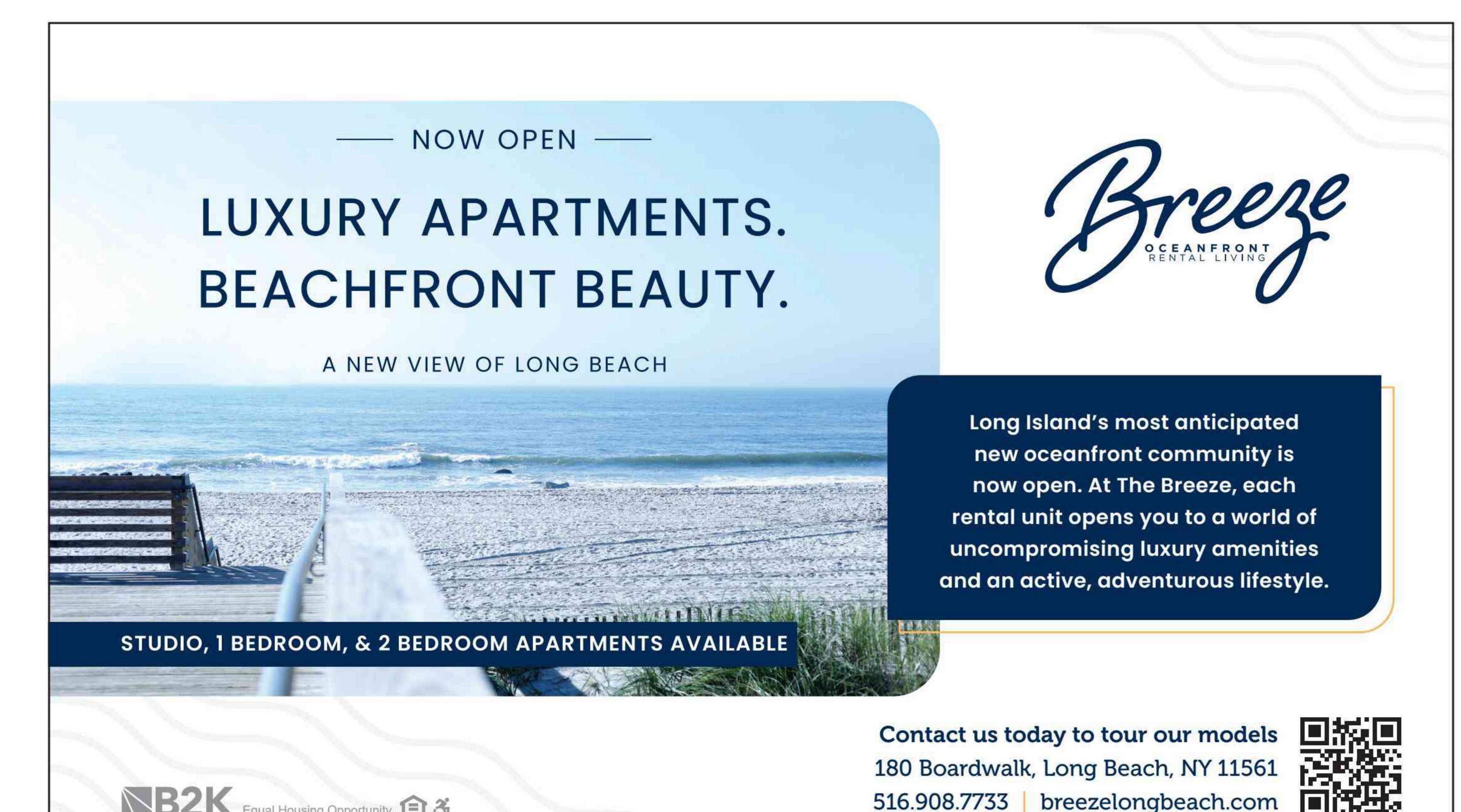
stead Town Supervisor Don Clavin, Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino, Island Park Mayor Michael McGinty, Freeport Mayor Robert Kennedy, Cedarhurst Mayor Benjamin Weinstock, Long Beach City Councilman John Bendo and David Friedman, the former U.S. ambassador to Israel.

Tony Cancellieri, co-chair of the hospital's advisory board, reminisced about a caravan organized at the height of the pandemic, in which over 400 cars paraded outside the hospital to thank health care workers.

"These health care workers put their lives on the line every single day to save our lives," Cancellieri said.

The dedication of the Heroes Plaza wasn't just a commemoration of past heroism, but also a celebration of the ongoing commitment of health care workers and the community's support for Mount Sinai South Nassau. The event concluded with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a reception, at which attendees reflected on the day's significance.

"Today is not just about the past — it's also about the future, Shalom Maidenbaum said. "We also honor the future services of individuals who continue to dedicate themselves to the well-being of our community, despite challenges they continue to face. They persevere with unwavering determination, always ready to lend a helping hand to provide comfort and care."





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¹⁴ County officials offer tips on water safety

By CHARLES SHAW

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With the summer swimming season here, Nassau County officials are offering tips to ensure a safe, enjoyable time in the water.

County Executive Bruce Blakeman spoke at Wantagh Park Pool on June 25, discussing general water safety for county residents, with public pools now open and the crowds at area beaches continuing to grow. According to Blakeman, Long Island has already seen numerous water-related incidents this spring and early summer.

Six non-fatal swimming emergencies have occurred already this year, according to county reports.

"Every year we hear of accidental drownings," Blakeman said. "We hear of children in pools who have drowned. We hear about boating accidents, young people not wearing their life preservers."

The county reported nine near-drownings last year, with six occurring in pools. Most of the incidents, according to Blakeman, involved children and infants.

"It is something that happens," he said. "So let's try to avoid it."

To stay safe, Blakeman advised keeping an eye on children near any body of water. He recommended life preservers for children, and pool alarm systems for added security. Alarms are available for pool gates, and wave sensors can detect when someone jumps into a pool.

Early education is also important for swim safety, Blakeman said. "Get your kids into swim lessons and floating lessons early," he said.

Supervision is recommended, even for swimmers in large groups, he noted. For pool parties, he suggested hiring a lifeguard or assigning someone to watch



Charles Shaw/Herald

County Executive Bruce Blakeman joined county Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder and supermarket chain executive Stew Leonard Jr. to discuss water safety at a news conference at Wantagh Park Pool on June 25.

swimmers in case of distress.

Joining Blakeman was Stew Leonard Jr., president and chief executive of the Connecticut-based supermarket chain Stew Leonard's. Leonard shared a tragic personal experience: In 1989, his 21-month-old son, Stew Leonard III, drowned in a pool.

The following year, Leonard and his wife, Kim, founded the Stew Leonard III Water Safety Foundation in memory of their son. The organization raises money for water safety awareness and education initiatives, and funds lifeguard training as well as swim lessons for children in need.

Supervising children is crucial, as is education, Leonard said. He emphasized the importance of teaching kids to roll onto their backs in the water, a position in which they can float and breathe easily.

Drowning is the leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 4, and the second-leading cause of death for those ages 5 to 14, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC estimates that roughly 4,000 drownings occur each year in the U.S., an average of 11 deaths per day. Most happen from June to August.

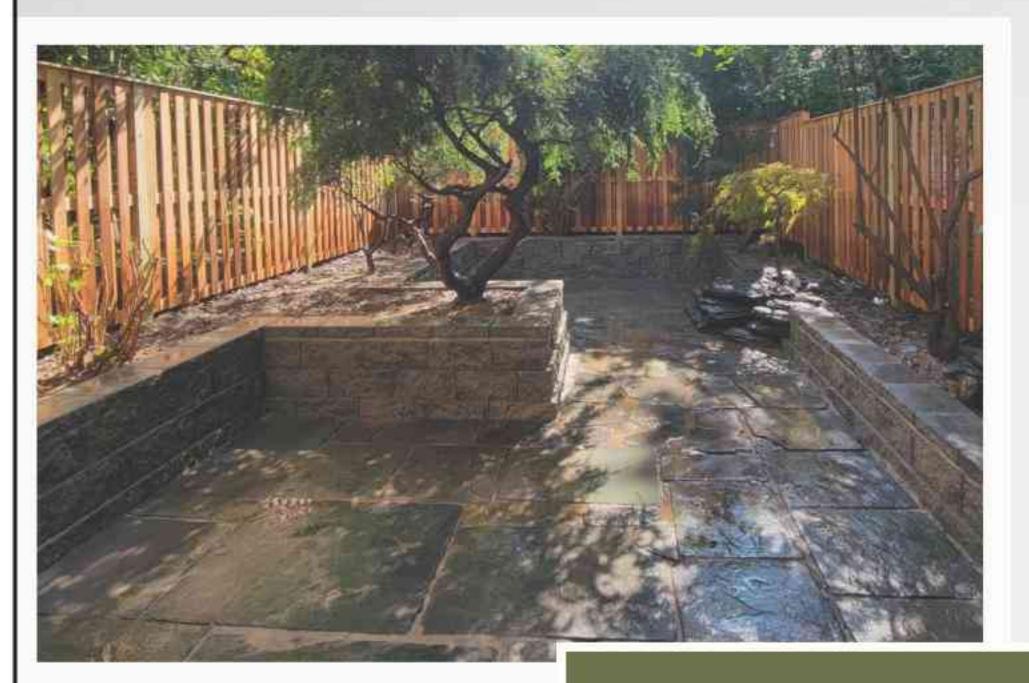
According to a CDC statement released last month, drownings have increased since the coronavirus pandemic. More than 4,500 people in the U.S. drowned each year from 2020 to 2022, 500 more than in 2019.

Roughly 15 percent of adults do not know how to swim, and over half have never taken a lesson, the CDC reports.

County officials also addressed other water safety concerns, such as boating accidents. Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder said that the Nassau County Police Department's Marine Bureau has added extra staff for the summer months. The bureau patrols the north and south shores, and also monitors lakes, ponds and canals.

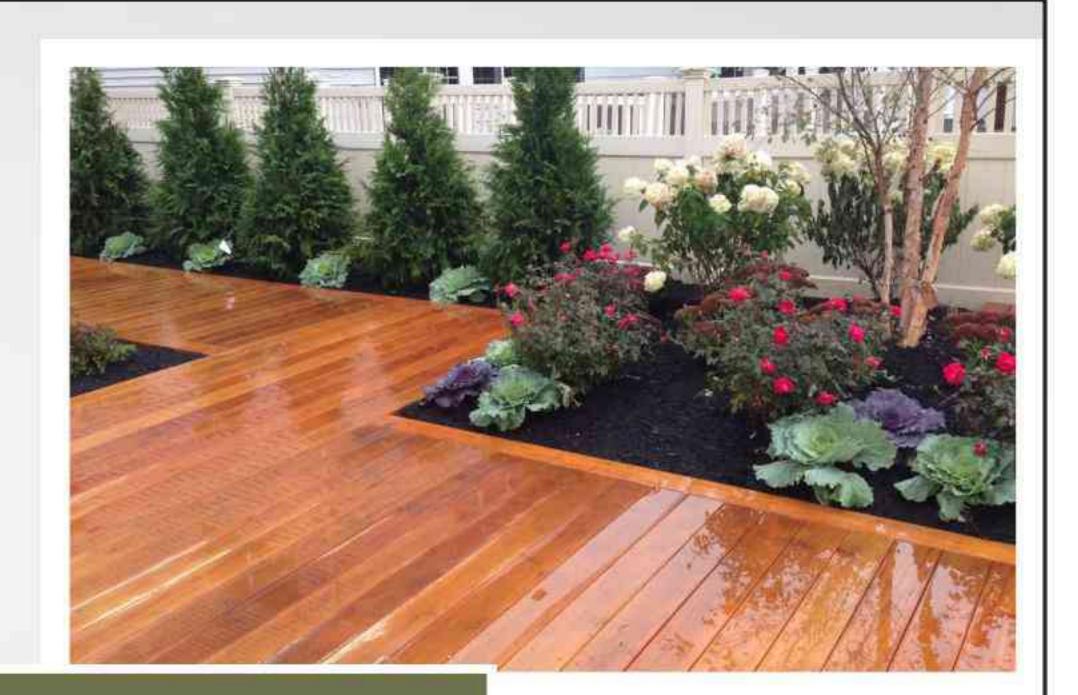
"The boats will be out there," Ryder said. "If you need them, you can reach out. Call 911 or use the marine channel, and our boats will respond to help you."

Blakeman added that boaters should be responsible when operating their vessels this summer. "Don't drink and pilot your boat," he said. "You will get arrested. It is illegal. It's the same thing as driving while intoxicated."



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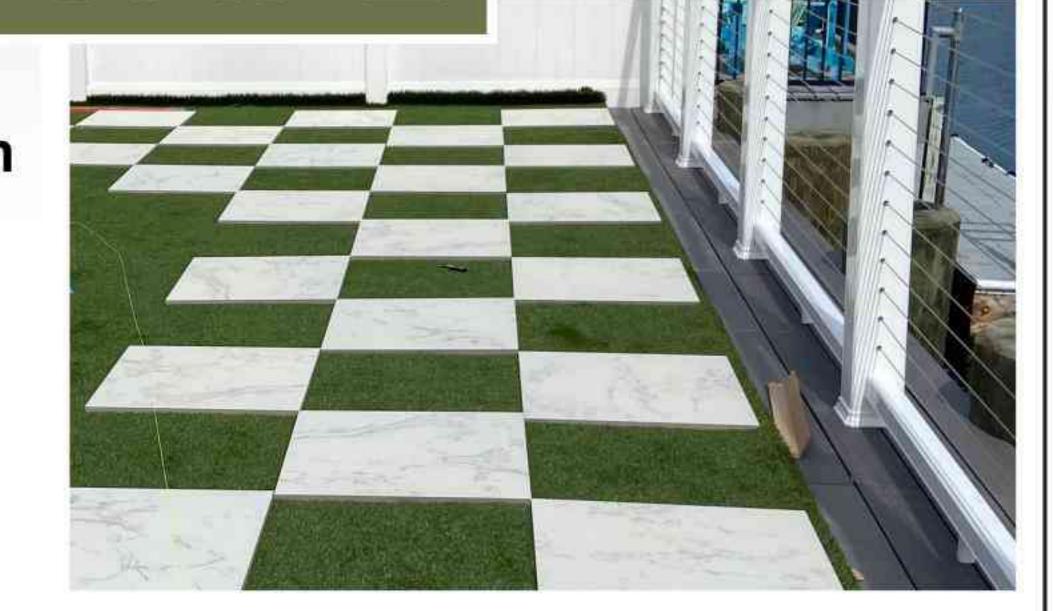
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Like a Stone

Ben Diamond is one of Long Island's most engaging performers

By Daniel Offner

en Diamond may be one of Long Island's more versatile singersongwriters. Born and raised in East Meadow, he began his musical journey playing the piano, and later the clarinet for his high school jazz band, before he picked up the guitar for the first time in 1981.

Growing up he was a big fan of improvisational and psychedelic rock groups including the Grateful Dead, Traffic and Cream — the sounds of which permeate his own original works.

"I was playing heavier electric music like Neil Young and Van Halen," Diamond says. "When my wife got pregnant, she said 'all these amps, you have to get rid of them.'"

He took up the Hawaiian slack key guitar in 1996, after listening to a record by slack key master Keola Beamer at Tower Records. Hawaiian slack key is a fingerstyle genre that requires loosening certain strings and features an alternating bass pattern.

"It was love at first sound," Diamond continues. "I was like 'what is this music?' It was calm and relaxing and I had to learn it."

Years later, he would take private lessons with Beamer while he was visiting New York.

His current project, Son Stone, however, leans more heavily towards an alternative folk sound similar to singer-songwriter John Prine, and features a lineup of incredibly talented Nassau County-based performers including Danny "Big Hands" Doll on lead guitar, Jeff Brody on bass and Lance Cheney on drums.

Son Stone's latest album is exactly what listeners might expect from the two-time finalist of American Songwriter Magazine's national songwriting contest, also an award-winning poet and humorist.

"Lyrics are super important to me," Diamond says. "I spend a lot of time on the lyrics and then I work them through with my band."

A poet (with a master's degree in poetry on his resume), he puts his talent to work for him in the form of lyrics. Taking a page from Steve Winwood's playbook, he wrote a folk tune called "Hanging on the Vine," which talks about the process of making wine from the perspective of one of the grapes.

Diamond also performs with the band SOBeeZ, playing covers of classic '60s and '70s rock tunes, and is the founder of the Long Island Hawaiian Slack Association. He's also involved in Huntington Arts Center's North Shore Original Open Mic and is a member of the Long Island Fingerstyle Guitar Club, a network of local guitarists who learn, share ideas and workshop songs. No picks allowed.

"I am a slow writer," Diamond says. "But during Covid, what else did we have to do? In 2021, I challenged myself to write 21 songs — a new song every two weeks."

The idea was something that stuck, not just with him, but also with



Photos courtesy Ben Diamond

Singer-songwriter Ben Diamond considers himself a new-age beat poet.

the 25 fellow musicians in his group. Every two weeks they arranged a Zoom conference call to discuss how they were going to select their criteria. Sometimes his group wrote songs using a word from a movie title or opened a book to a random page, or would empty their pockets and write a song based on what they pulled out, he explains.

"We have a lot of fun," he says. "It's all about having a chance to express your creativity."

When all was said and done, his cadre of musicians created 1,400 new songs — including the nine songs featured on Son Stone's album "Two Birds to Kill a Stone," which was released in March.

Diamond still resides in East Meadow with his wife, who also grew up in the community, and three sons who all graduated from East Meadow High School. Through the years he has had the fortune of opening for some legendary musicians including Jorma Kaukonen, of Jefferson Airplane and Hot Tuna, and David Gans, SiriusXM radio personality and Grateful Dead historian, author and musician.

So far he has released nine albums — seven featuring Hawaiian slackinfluenced music and standards. Someday, when he retires, he might look to take his unique style of music on the road, but for now, according to Diamond, he plans on staying close to home.

Diamond will be performing with Son Stone at the Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame in Stony Brook, on Sunday, July 14, at 3 p.m. The concert will feature a one-hour set of original songs on the LIMEHOF stage. He follows with an acoustic set at the Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, in Port Washington, on Wednesday, July 17, at 2 p.m., as part of the "Afternoon TEA" series sponsored by the New York Council on the Arts.

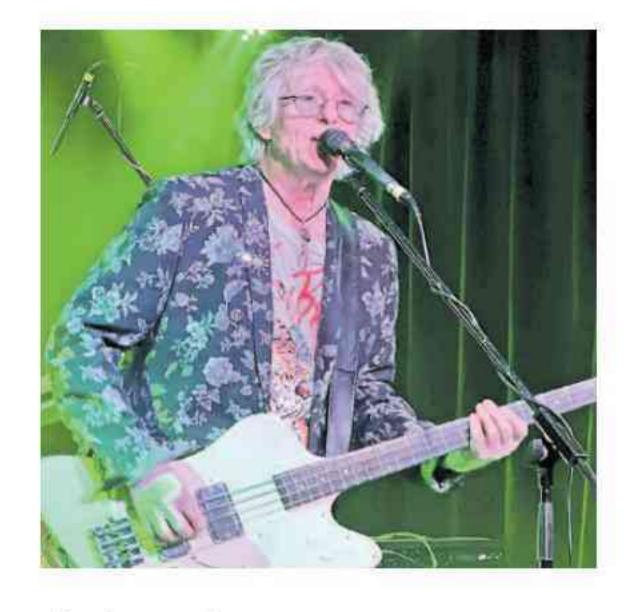
To learn more about Son Stone, Hawaiian slack guitar, tour dates, tickets and more, visit Ben-Diamond.com.



Swingin' on the Silver Screen

Swingtime Big Band, the Madison Theatre's sensational "house band," led by Steve Shaiman, returns with a lively new program of cinematic hits from the Great American Songbook. Since their debut performance here in 2012, they have proudly become part of the Madison "family." This time around Swingtime shines the spotlight on the timeless melodies and meaningful lyrics introduced or featured in Hollywood films. The dynamic 20-piece jazz ensemble is acclaimed for bringing to life the music of Count Basie, Glenn Miller, Les Brown, Tommy Dorsey, and Woody Herman. Plus, Swingtime maintains its tradition of celebrating the 100th birthdays of the iconic musicians who created this essential American art form; this year the band honors the legendary composer Henry Mancini.

Sunday, July 7, 3 p.m. \$35-\$45. Madison Theatre, Molloy University, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre. MadisonTheatreNY.org or call (516) 323-4444.



Asia returns

The English supergroup, fronted by original member Geoff Downes, is reinvigorated and back on tour, appearing on the Paramount stage. Today the legendary band comprises Downes, John Mitchell, Harry Whitley, and Virgil Donati. Their new tour, "Heat of the Moment," additionally features Focus, Martin Turner, Curved Air, and Roger Dean as special guests. Asia was the biggest selling album of 1982, #1 on Billboard for nine weeks and pioneers of the MTV era. Downes' new iteration of the band first began to evolve last summer, at a concert held in memory of late lead singer, songwriter and bassist John Wetton. He invited old friend John Mitchell and newcomer Harry Whitley to join him on stage playing some classic Asia hits. Such was the uproarious reception to their set that it seemed something magical was taking shape.

Sunday, July 7, 7 p.m. \$99.50, \$79.50, \$69.50, \$69.50, \$59.50, \$49.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com or ParamountNY.com. July 4, 2024

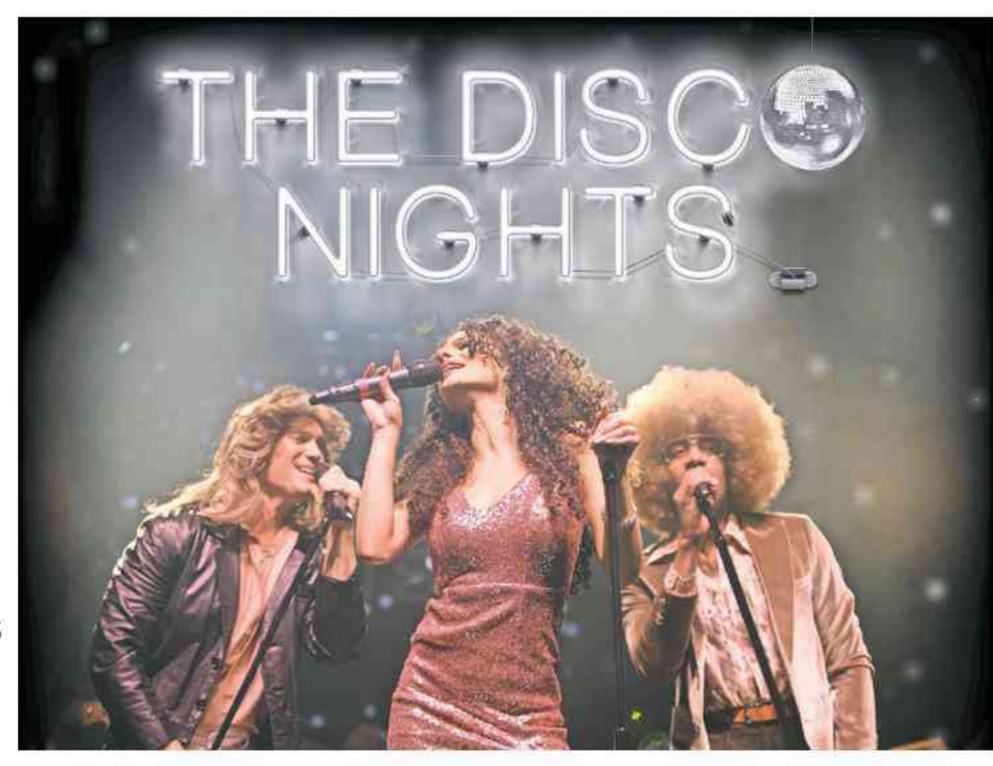
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Disco daze

Step into a time warp back to the glittering era of Studio 54 with The Disco Nights. Immerse

yourself in a nostalgic celebration of the disco age, on the Paramount stage, Friday, July 12, 8 p.m. It's Saturday Night Fever all over again! Led by the Billboard-charting superstar JJ Sansaverino on guitar, The Disco Nights boast a lineup of top-tier musicians. Every note is meticulously crafted to deliver the authentic sound of disco's greatest hits. Stacked with top notch musicians, veterans of the New York City music scene, led by Musical Director and Billboard-charting superstar JJ Sansaverino on guitar, the band — featuring Stanley Banks on



bass, Etienne Lytle and Patrick Firth on keys, Damon DueWhite on drums, and Danny Sadownick on percussion — plays almost note for note recreations of the era's biggest hits, while in costume, of course. They are joined by vocalists Alessandra Guercio, Jerome Bell and Adam Bastien of "American Idol" and "The Voice" fame.

From the infectious beats of the Bee Gees to the empowering anthems of Gloria Gaynor and the sultry melodies of Donna Summer, Chic, and more, The Disco Nights promise a night of non-stop dance and timeless music. Joined by vocalists Alessandra Guercio, Jerome Bell, and Adam Bastien, acclaimed stars from "American Idol" and "The Voice," the band ensures a performance that captures the essence and energy of the disco era. Dress to impress in your finest disco attire —think flared pants, crop tops, mini dresses, crystals, sequins, and psychedelic colors, complete with fringes and platform shoes. The Paramount stage will transform into a glittering disco haven, setting the mood for an unforgettable evening of grooves and good times. The beat goes on and on, with over-thetop renditions of the decade's most vibrant songs as Studio 54 comes to life once more. \$45, \$35, \$30, \$20. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com or ParamountNY.com.



Dramatic Play

Theatre Playground returns to Long Island Children's Museum with "Dramatic Play!," Monday, July 1, 1 p.m., taught by Lisa Rudin, Director of Theatre Playground. In this interactive, theater-inspired workshop, children will act out an original story and help choose how it unfolds. Music, props, and sound effects create a theatrical world where participants are immersed in the story.

Children are encouraged to express themselves as they create characters, explore different worlds, stretch their imaginations and build self-confidence. This week's theme: Courageous Cats and Daring Dogs. Costumes encouraged. \$5 with museum admission. Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or LICM.org.

Music for Autism

The Marion and Aaron Gural JCC hosts Music for Autism Sunday, July 14, 4-5 p.m. 9 Horses, an improvising chamber ensemble, presents a one-hour concert for children with autism, their families and friends. Registration required at RSVP@MusicForAutism.org. 207 Grove Ave., Cedarhurst. For more information visit MusicForAutism. org/concert.



On exhibit

Nassau County Museum of Art's latest exhibition, "Urban Art Evolution," is a comprehensive exhibit featuring a diverse range of compositions from the 1980s through the present by creators who were based in the rough and tumble downtown area of New York City known as Loisaida/LES (Lower East Side/East Village) and close surrounding neighborhoods.

Artists pushed the boundaries of what was considered "art" with a primary focus on street/graffiti art. The exhibit's scope, guest curated by art collector/gallerist Christopher Pusey, offers an even broader view from other creative residents, who worked inside their studios but still contributed to the rich fabric of the downtown art scene from different vantage points and aesthetics.

Works include sculpture, paintings, photography, music, and ephemera from many noted and influential artists. On view through July 7. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.



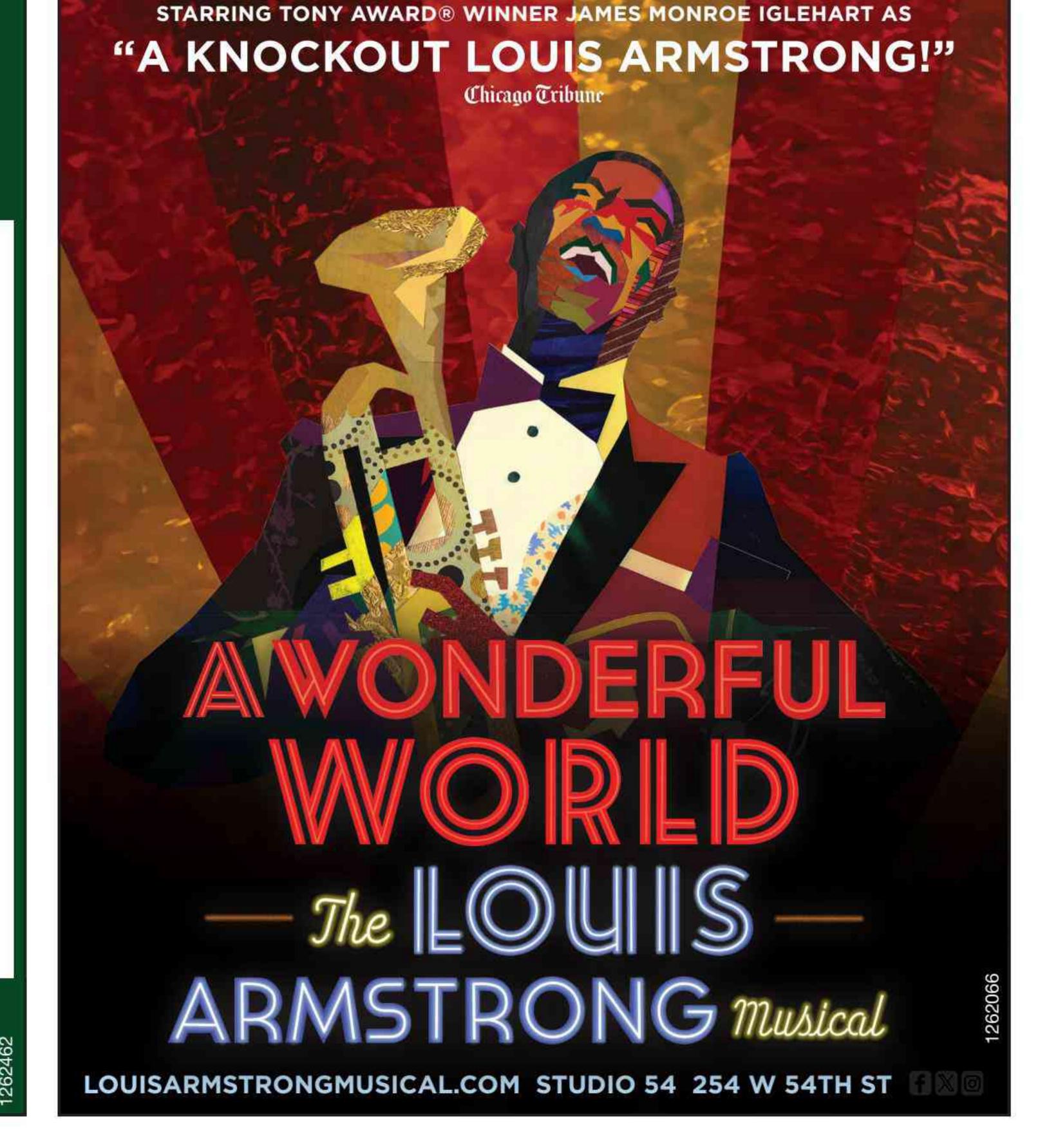


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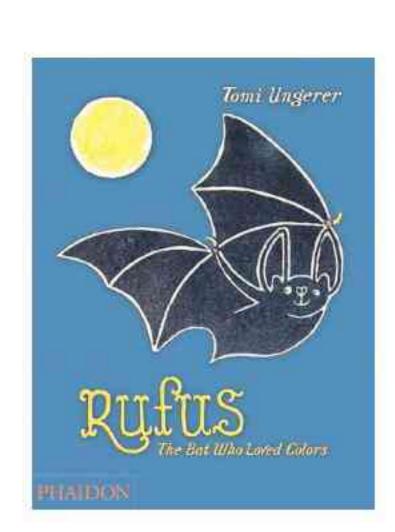
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Storybook Stroll

Bring the kids to Old Westbury Gardens for a storybook adventure, Saturday, **July 6**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Stroll the gardens and listen to Tomi Ungerer's "Rufus the Bat Who Loved Colors." Later create a unique take home craft. For ages 3-5. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. For information visit OldWestburyGardens.org or contact (516) 333-0048.

Hewlett Fire Department Breakfast Connect

Hewlett Fire Department welcomes all to the weekly breakfast connect, Wednesday, **July 10,** 8-9 a.m. The breakfast meeting is free and open to everyone in the community. Benjamin J. Moleno Hall, 25 Franklin Ave., Hewlett. For more information and to reserve a spot, call or text Andrew Leibowitz at (516) 790-4829.



Splish Splash... Animal Baths

Hang out with some Long Island Children's Museum's "residents," Sunday, **July 7**, 1:30-2 p.m. Join an animal educator in the Feasts for Beasts Gallery to learn what goes into the care of LICM's animals. Observe animal bath time. Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or LICM. org.

Summertime tunes

Hear Vinyl Revival perform at the Village of Cedarhurst for 27th annual Concerts Under the Gazebo series, Tuesday, **July 9,** at Andrew J. Parise Park,. With a special kids section with magicians, and favorite children's shows. 235 Cedarhurst Ave., Cedarhurst. For more information, visit Cedarhurst.gov.

Having an event?

Items on The Scene page are listed free of charge. The Herald welcomes listings of upcoming events, community meetings and items of public interest. All submissions should include date, time and location of the event, cost, and a contact name and phone number. Submissions can be emailed to thescene@liherald.com.

Breast screening

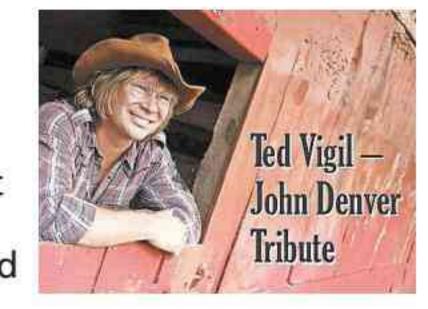
Obtain free breast cancer screenings, at Cedarhurst Village Hall, Thursday, July 18, 8-10:30 a.m. Presiding Officer Howard J. Kopel and Sen. Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick host the free breast cancer screenings for women over 40, with the NUHealth/NUMC Mobile Mammography Van. Appointments required and made on a first-come, firstserved basis. To make an appointment and for more information call (516)-571-6207. 200 Cedarhurst Ave.

In concert

Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library Courtyard Concert Series continues, Thursday, **July 11**, 7 p.m. Les Degen performs standards, show tunes and popular songs from the 1920s to '70s. All are welcome this is a free event. Hewlett Woodmere Public Library, 1125, Broadway, Hewlett. For more information, visit HWPL.org.

In concert

Plaza Theatrical presents a showstopping tribute to the legendary John Denver Sunday, **July 7**, 2:30 p.m. The acclaimed Denver tribute artist Ted Vigil embodies the late great music icon in look as well as voice with an unforgettable performance. Denver's own lead guitarist Steve Weisberg, has described Vigil's



act as "uncanny". Hear the beloved hits, including "Take Me Home, Country Roads,", "Leaving on a Jet Planel," "Annie's Song," "Rocky Mountain High," "Calypso,", "Thank God I'm a Country Boy," "Sunshine on My Shoulders," and many more in this exquisite tribute to the sorely missed artist. It's performed at Plaza's stage at the Elmont Library Theatre, 700 Hempstead Tpke., Elmont. \$40, \$35 seniors. Elmont. For tickets, call (516) 599-6870 or visit PlazaTheatrical.com.

Afternoon tunes

Visit Eisenhower Park's Field #1 for its Noontime Concert series, Wednesday, **July 10**, noon-2 p.m. Enjoy the high energy five-piece Blue Angel band, performing dance songs across the decades, from Motown to current hits. Bring seating. For information, visit NassauCountyNY.gov.



Friends of Rock Hall Watercolor Workshop

Friends of Rock Hall hosts a watercolor workshop in the garde, Monday, **July 8**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The class is taught by certified art teacher Linda

Shedlock, Adult only, must bring your own supplies and pre-payment required. \$90, \$80 for members/seniors. Checks are payable to Friends of Rock Hall. Space is limited. Rock Hall, 199 Broadway, Lawrence. For more information/RSVP call (516)-239-1157 or email FriendsofRockHall@gmail.com.

Game Time

Play canasta, mah jongg or Scrabble during in-person game time, on Monday, **July 8**, 2-4:30 p.m., in the Bentley Room of Peninsula Public Library. 280 Central Ave., Lawrence. Seating limited. First come, first seated.



LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE COURT SUPREME COUNTY OF NASSAU, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT INDIVIDUALLY SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR RPMLT 2014-1, TRUST, SERIES 2014-1, Plaintiff, vs. NINA FISCHMAN, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on March 17, 2023 and a Short Form Order duly entered on May 5, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction on the front steps on the north side of the Nassau County Supreme Court, 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, NY 11501 on July 15, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as Carlyle Street, Woodmere, NY 11598. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings thereon improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau and State of New York, Section 39, Block 218. Lot Approximate amount of judgment is \$191,479.38 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of Judgment Index #608260/2017. foreclosure sale will be held on the north side steps of the Courthouse, rain or shine. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed foreclosure sale. If proper social distancing cannot be maintained or there are other health or safety the Court concerns, Appointed Referee will cancel the sale. Joshua David Brookstein, Esq., Referee Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501,

147396 **LEGAL NOTICE** NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF NASSAU DEUTSCHE NATIONAL COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF THE INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE 2006-AR4, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFCATES, SERIES 2006-AR4 UNDER POOLING SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED MARCH 1, 2006 Plaintiff, Against

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Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 04/25/2024, undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, on the North Side steps of the Nassau County Supreme Court located at 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, N.Y. 11501 on 7/23/2024 2:00PM, premises known as 1016 Channel

Drive, Hewlett, New York 11557, And Described As Follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and thereon improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Incorporated Village Of Hewlett Town Harbor, Hempstead, County Of Nassau And State Of New

Section 42 Block 213 Lot

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$1,767,347.53 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 010453/2012

If proper social distancing cannot be maintained or there are other health or safety concerns, the then Court Appointed Referee cancel Foreclosure Auction. This Auction will be held rain or shine.

Brian Davis, Esq., Referee. MCCABE, WEISBERG & LLC, CONWAY, Midland Avenue, 205, Port Chester, NY 10573 Dated: 5/24/2024 Number: 272-5518 CA

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SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff against JEAN ALEX LOUIS, et al Defendant(s)

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Stern & Eisenberg, P.C., 20 Commerce Drive, Suite 230, Cranford, NJ 07016 and 1131 Route 55, Suite Lagrangeville, 12540.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered June 12, 2023, I will sell atpublic auction to the highest bidder at North Side Steps of the Nassau County Supreme Court at 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, NY 11501 on July 22, 2024 at 2:00 PM.

Premises known as 224 Harbor Hungry Road, North Woodmere, NY 11581. Sec 39 Block 527 Lot 43. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being at Valley Stream, of Hempstead, County of Nassau and State of New York.

Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$524,385.18 plus interest, fees, and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 601823/2020. For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.

During the COVID-19 health emergency, Bidders are required to with comply governmental health requirements in effect at the time of the sale including but not limited

to wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Should a bidder fail to comply, the Referee may refuse to accept any bid, cancel the closing and hold the bidder in default. Bidders are also required to Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale. If proper social distancing cannot be maintained or there are other health or safety concerns, then the Court Appointed Referee cancel foreclosure auction.

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147545 LEGAL NOTICE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF NASSAU. WEBSTER BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff -against-MADELINE WILLIG; JOSEPH WILLIG, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to Judgment Foreclosure and entered herein and dated April 15, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction on the North Side steps of Nassau County Supreme Court "Rain or Shine" located at 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, NY on July 23, 2024 at 2:00 premises situate, lying and being at Cedarhurst, County of Nassau and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side Barnard Avenue, distant 553 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of Barnard Avenue with the northerly side of Ibsen Street; being a plot 100 feet by 73 feet by 100 feet by 73 feet. Section: 39 Block: 162 Lot: 96

All bidders must wear a face mask/shield at all and social times distancing must observed by all bidders at all times. Bidders who do not comply with the face mask and/or the social distancing mandate will be removed from the auction.

Said premises known as BARNARD AVE, WOODMERE, NY 11598 Approximate amount of lien \$181,086.61 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of

filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no

further recourse against Mortgagor, Mortgagee Mortgagee's attorney. Index Number 614214/2017. BRIAN J. DAVIS, ESQ., Referee Gallo David A. Associates LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 47 Hillside Avenue, 2nd Floor, Manhasset, 11030 File# 8888.048 {* NASSAU HER*}

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LEGAL NOTICE SALE NOTICE **SUPREME** COURT NASSAU COUNTY LLC NEWREZ D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE against PAYES, et al Defendant(s) Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Stern & Eisenberg, P.C., 20 Commerce Drive, Suite 230, Cranford, NJ 07016 and 1131 Route 55, Suite Lagrangeville, NY

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered May 28, 2024, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at North Side Steps of the Nassau County Supreme Court at 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, NY 11501 on July 29, 2024 at 2:00 PM. Premises known as 2 Westcott St, Inwood, 11096. Sec 0040 Block 000506-00 Lot 00070. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau and State of New Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$180,300.96 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions Index Judgment 614259/2022. For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. the COVID-19 health emergency,

Bidders are required to comply governmental health requirements in effect at the time of the sale including but not limited to wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Should a bidder to comply, the Referee may refuse to accept any bid, cancel the closing and hold the bidder in default. Bidders also required to with Foreclosure Auction Rules Health and COVID-19 Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale. If proper social distancing cannot be maintained or there are other health or

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COUNTY OF NASSAU WILMINGTON SAVINGS SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE TRUST, ACQUISITION Plaintiff AGAINST JOSE C. MARTINEZ, MARIA S. ALVARENGA, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered February 28, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the North Side steps of the Nassau County Supreme Court, 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, NY 11501 on July 30, 2024 at 2:00PM, premises known as 102 Roger Avenue, Inwood, NY 11096. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings improvements erected, situate, lying and being in Inwood, Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau and State of New York, Section 40, Block 126-129. Lot Approximate amount of \$824,643.25 judgment plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of Judgment Index #604014/2020. aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the NASSAU County COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. If proper social distancing cannot be maintained or there are other health or safety concerns, then the court appointed referee will cancel the foreclosure auction. Foreclosure Auctions will be held "Rain or Shine". Brian J. Referee Esq., Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Williamsville, NY 14221 20-000073 81146

147621 LEGAL NOTICE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF NASSAU MASPETH **FEDERAL** SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff -BENJAMIN against-RINGEL, YAEL RINGEL, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated January 25, 2019 and entered on January 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction on the North Side steps of County Nassau Supreme Court located at 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, NY on July 29, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. premises situate, lying

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Incorporated Village of Lawrence in the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of Washington Avenue (Craft Avenue), distant 177.80 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Westerly side Washington Avenue and the southerly side of RUNNING Broadway; THENCE Westerly on a line at right angles to Washington Avenue, 217.81 feet to land formerly belonging to the heirs of Gilbert Craft, deceased, at a point 210.7 feet southerly from Broadway as measured along said formerly of Craft; THENCE Southerly along said Craft's land, feet; THENCE Easterly, 225 feet 46 feet to Washington Avenue at a point 150 feet southerly from the point or place of BEGINNING; THENCE Northerly Washington Avenue, 150 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Section: 41 Block: 87 Lot: 23

Said premises known as WASHINGTON AVENUE, LAWRENCE, NY Approximate amount of lien \$626,230.81 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 1482/2017. HORZ,

LAURIE Referee Law Office of Mark L. Cortegiano, Esq. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

65-12 69th Place, Middle Village, NY 11379 {* NASSAU HER*} 147611

LEGAL NOTICE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HEWLETT HARBOR PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board the Incorporated Village of Hewlett Harbor will hold a public hearing at Village Hall on July 9 at 7:00PM.

Homeowners/architects/et

representing applicant are requested to appear in-person. A ZOOM link to the meeting available on our website www.hewlettharbor.gov. All interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard on the following applications for variance relief:

1) Jeremy Danziger and Ilana Ajzenman – 369 Pepperidge Road Hewlett Harbor, NY 11557 has applied to the Planning Board for site plan elevation and landscape design review for a 2nd story addition over remaining portion of existing house.

2) Leon and Andriyana Hofman – 1200 Seawane Drive Hewlett Harbor, NY 11557 has applied to the Planning Board for design review for landscaping, light piers and gates.

3) Mikhail Ilyaich – 1299

Seawane Drive Hewlett Harbor, NY 11557 has applied to the Planning Board for change of material from exterior shake to vinyl wood siding, and driveway pebble material (pervious) to pavers (non-pervious). At said hearing, all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed application will be available at the Village Hall at least five (5) days before the public hearing and may be seen during the regular business hours.

Those persons planning to attend the meeting and who require special accommodations because disability requested to notify the Village Clerk no less than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Dated: June 21, 2024 Hewett Harbor, New York ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF **HEWLETT HARBOR** TED MAY

Planning Board Chairman Stephen Haramis **Building Superintendent** 147684

LEGAL NOTICE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HEWLETT HARBOR NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD **OF TRUSTEES** PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hewlett Harbor will meet in both public and via Zoom on Thursday, July 11, 2024, 7:00PM, Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of holding the Village's regular monthly

meeting. An agenda for the meeting will be made available to the public on the Village Website.

All residents wishing to attend via Zoom can visit www.hewlettharbor.gov for instructions. Residents wishing to speak via Zoom or in person must notify the Village Clerk in advance.

Dated: Hewlett Harbor, New York June 21, 2024 OF THE BY ORDER **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** OF THE VILLAGE OF **HEWLETT HARBOR** NICOLE GIACOPELLI VILLAGE CLERK

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE INWOOD FIRE DISTRICT, INWOOD, NEW YORK, 11096. There will be a General

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Inwood Fire District as follows: Time: 7:00 P.M..

Date: Thursday, July 11, 2024 Place:DISTRICT OFFICE Melissa Rivelli, District Secretary 147799

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held as to the following matter: Agency: Board Village Appeals **Hewlett Bay Park** July 9, 2024 Date: 7:00 p.m. Time: Place: 30 Piermont

Hewlett, NY Avenue, 11557 Subject: Application of Kevin & Elana Lifshitz, 142 Cedar Ave, Hewlett Bay Park, to maintain a swimming pool and pool house, which proposed maintenance requires (a) a variance of Village Code §146-9(C)(8)(h), to permit the pool to be located 30 property line, where a minimum of 35 feet is required and the Board previously granted approval for a 31.58 foot setback, and (b) an amendment to the terms and conditions of a previous approval: (i) to permit the pool house to be 447.07 square feet, the previous approval was conditioned on the pool house being no greater than 325 square feet, and (ii) to permit the pool patio on the west side of the pool to be 7.9 feet wide, the where previous approval was conditioned on the width being no more than 4 feet along the westerly edge of the pool. Premises are also known as Section 41, Block A, Lot 204 on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map.

The Board of Appeals, as agency, determined that applications are Type II matters under the State Environmental Review Act, which require no environmental review. At the said time and all interested place, persons may be heard

with respect to the

foregoing matters. Any person having a disability which would inhibit attendance at or participation in hearing should notify the Village Clerk at least three business days prior to the hearing, so that reasonable efforts may be made to facilitate such attendance participation.

Plans and other materials with associated application may reviewed downloaded www.hewlettbayparkny.g ov or inspected at the office of the Village Clerk, 30 Piermont Avenue, New Hewlett, during regular business hours.

Dated: June 25, 2024 BY ORDER OF THE **BOARD OF APPEALS** Michelle Blandino, Village 147800

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE **PUBLIC** OF **HEARING** THE BOARD OF **APPEALS** Pursuant to New York State Town Law Article 16, New York State Public Officers Law Article 7, the Town Hempstead Building Zone NOTICE is Ordinance, hereby given that the BOARD OF APPEALS of the Town of Hempstead will hold a public hearing in the Old Town Hall, 350 Front Street, Room 230, Second Floor, Hempstead, New York on 7/10/2024 at 2:00 P.M. to consider the following applications

and appeals: THE FOLLOWING CASES CALLED STARTING AT 2:00 P.M. INWOOD 485/24. Yeshiva Kol Torah of the Towns and Rockaway Inc., Variances, front width, side yards, trailers maintain dwelling convert administration offices for private school proposed (religious education); Special exception proposed religious educational use existing trailers, special exception for accessory uses (convert dwelling to administration offices & install outdoor basketball court); Waive off-street parking, special exception to park in a residence "B" district & in the required front yard setback and insufficient driveway width for 2-way traffic; Install 8' & 10' high fences a portion of which is forward of dwellings on adjoining properties., W/s Donahue Ave., 205' N/o Solomon Ave., a/k/a 23 Donahue Ave. ALL PAPERS PERTAINING TO THE ABOVE HEARING ARE AVAILABLE FOR

TOWN HALL, WASHINGTON STREET HEMPSTEAD, NY 11550. This notice is only for new cases in Inwood within of Hempstead jurisdiction. There are additional cases different hamlets, towns and villages on the Board of Appeals calendar. The full calendar is available https://hempsteadny.gov/

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509/Board-of-Appeals The internet address of the website streaming for meeting https://hempsteadny.gov/ 576/Live-Streaming-Video Interested parties may appear at the above time and place. At the call of the Chairman, the Board will consider decisions on the foregoing and those on the Reserve Decision calendar and such other matters as may properly come before it. 147763

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NOTICE OF SALE
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CAPACITY BUT SOLELY
AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR
RCF 2 ACQUISITION
TRUST, Plaintiff, vs.
ALBERT D. SUROWIECKI
A/K/A ALBERT
SUROWIECKI, ET AL.,
Defendant(s).
Pursuant to an Order

Referee's Confirming Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on June 6, 2023, undersigned Referee will sell at public auction on the front steps on the north side of the Nassau County Supreme Court, 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, NY 11501 on August 6, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as Singleton Avenue, Woodmere, NY 11598. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings improvements thereon erected, situate, situate, being at lying and

Woodmere, in the Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau and State of New York, Section 41, Block 28, Lots 105 and 823. Approximate amount of judgment is \$530,294.98 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of Judgment Index #609151/2021. Cash will not be accepted. foreclosure sale will be held on the north side steps of the Courthouse, rain or shine. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed foreclosure sale. If proper social distancing cannot be maintained or there

Peter J. Famighetti, Esq., Referee Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591, Attorneys for Plaintiff 147805

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LEGAL NOTICE
SUPREME COURT OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NASSAU
DEUTSCHE BANK
NATIONAL TRUST
COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE
FOR THE REGISTERED
HOLDERS OF ARGENT
SECURITIES INC., ASSETBACKED PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES, SERIES

2005-W5,
-againstDANIELLA JEAN-PIERRE
MOWETA A/K/A
DANIELLA JEAN-PIERRE
A/K/A DANIELLA JEAN
PIERRE, ET AL.

A/K/A DANIELLA JEAN PIERRE, ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Nassau on January 16, 2020, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ARGENT SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH SERIES CERTIFICATES, 2005-W5 is the Plaintiff and DANIELLA JEAN-

PIERRE MOWETA A/K/A

DANIELLA JEAN-PIERRE

A/K/A DANIELLA JEAN PIERRE, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). undersigned Referee will sell at public auction RAIN OR SHINE at the NASSAU COUNTY SUPREME COURT, NORTH SIDE STEPS, SUPREME COURT DRIVE, MINEOLA, NY 11501, on August 7, 2024 at 2:00PM, premises known as 862 STATION PLACE, WOODMERE, NY 11598; and the following tax identification: 39-231-129.

39-231-129.
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AND BEING AT
WOODMERE, IN THE
TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD,
COUNTY OF NASSAU
AND STATE OF NEW
YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 006709/2010. Michael Cardello, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane PLLC Partners, Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SUBJECT CHANGE DAY OF

ACCORDANCE

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DIRECTIVES.

147817 LEGAL NOTICE SALE NOTICE COURT SUPREME COUNTY OF NASSAU MORTGAGE FREEDOM CORPORATION, Plaintiff **AGAINST** MOSHE MILNER, EUGENE MILLER, AHAVA SARAH MILLER, ET Defendant(s) Pursuant Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered May 13, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the North Side steps of Nassau County Court, 100 Supreme Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, NY 11501, 'Rain or Shine' on August 6, 2024 at 2:00PM, premises known as 556 Church Avenue, Woodmere, NY 11598. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings improvements erected, situate, lying and at Woodmere, of Hempstead, County of Nassau and State of New York, Section 39 Block 163 Lot 25-27. Approximate of judgment amount \$441,988.84 plus interest and costs. Premises will sold subject filed provisions Judgment #615229/2022. aforementioned will be conducted in with the accordance NASSAU County COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing

and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure proper social distancing cannot maintained or there are other health or safety concerns, then the court appointed referee will cancel the foreclosure auction. Ronald J. Ferraro, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 22-003391 81304 147761

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ASSOCIATION, AS CREDIT TRUSTEE FOR FIRST **BOSTON** MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP., MORTGAGE-BACKED **PASS-THROUGH** CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-2, Plaintiff AGAINST ELLIOT RINDENOW, ET Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered May 15, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the North Side steps of the Nassau County Supreme Court, 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, NY 11501, 'Rain or Shine' on August 6, 2024 at 2:30PM, premises known as 770 West Woodmere, Broadway, NY 11598. All that certain piece or parcel of with the buildings improvements erected, situate, lying and Cedarhurst, near Hempstead, County of Nassau, and State of New Section 39, Block 197, Lot 72, and Section 39, Block 197, Lot 76, and Section 39, Block 197, Lot 82. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,428,888.33 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #006374/2009. aforementioned auction will be conducted in with the accordance NASSAU County COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure proper social distancing cannot be maintained or there are other health or safety concerns, then the court appointed referee will cancel the foreclosure auction. Only Bank or Certified check payable to Referee will accepted for downpayment. endorsed/third-party check or cash will be accepted. David S.

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From the looks of things

rowing up, there was magazine that I guess was supposed to compete with Life that was called Look.

I never quite understood whether the title was a description of what the publication did (i.e. "look" at people and events) or demand that its readership (or in this case, lookership) "look" at the magazine (after, of course, paying for it.)

Anyway "look" is one of those things we do while incorporating the various aspects of what "look" really means in our daily lives.

Thus, all of us, profess to have an outlook on life, even as we aspire to look good, date the good looking and marry the "looker."

The cautious stop, look and listen; the suspicious look over their should, and the wise don't look back ("because they could be gain-

ing on you"). The curious take a look around, labor looks for the union label, the mischievous look for trouble and the discrete look before the leap.

Alice had her looking glass and I would know what author wrote "Look Homeward Angel" if only I could look it up.

The impatient began with "now, look here ...," Southerners sing "Look Away Dixieland," while if looks could kill many of us wouldn't be here.

Generals demand their troops look sharp and lively, while bombardiers and generations of water-balloon-dropping-little-boys have warned, "look out below," just as mountain tops, private ships and bank robbers have each had "lookouts" of their own.

In response to complaints or suggestions, smalltime politicians and bureaucrats will promise to "look it over" or "take a look at it" or "look into it" (thought they rarely do).

While bakers, china shop owners and fashion models admonish us to look with our eyes and not with our hands, the three words retail merchants hate the

most are, "sorry, just look-

Critics look you up and down; snobs look down their noses; the deliberate take a long, hard look; optimists insist things are "looking good" and very, very often we encounter look-alikes (like me and Brad Pitt).

Even more often, however, we find looking to find fault and looking to catch you at something. When they look around they don't like the

looks of this or that, unless something looks fishy and then they look the other way.

But, you know, when you look beyond those who would forever look askance, you find wonderful folks with a positive outlook looking out for one another. These are people who look up to parents and teachers, overlook mistakes and always look for the silver lining.

They look within, and find the strength to look ahead and look forward. For them (and their onlookers) things are continuously looking up and that is a wonderful thing to ... see..

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SCHOOL BRIEF

Lawrence Primary School students graduate

Lawrence Primary School celebrated the graduation of its third-grade students, marking the successful end of another academic year. This milestone highlights the dedication and growth of these young scholars during their time at the school.

The students demonstrated exceptional commitment to learning and personal development. The educators at Lawrence Primary expressed immense gratitude for nurturing the students' curiosity, creativity, and passion for knowledge.

"We say farewell to our third-grade graduates with hearts full of pride and optimism," Kristen Panzarella, the school's principal said in a news release. "As they progress in their educational journey, we are confident that they will continue to uphold the values of integrity, kindness, and lifelong learning that we have instilled in them."

The graduation ceremony, attended by parents, teachers and school staff,

celebrated not only the students' academic achievements but also the friendships and memories formed during their time at Lawrence Primary School.

"We bid farewell knowing that these young students are not just our future leaders, but leaders of tomorrow," Ann Pedersen, Lawrence school district's superintendent, said in the release. "Their potential is boundless, and we eagerly anticipate the great contributions they will make to their communities and beyond."

As the graduates embark on the next chapter of their academic careers, Lawrence Primary School encourages the students to always remember the core values that have guided their time here: Read, Write, Think, and Be Kind. The principles are viewed as a compass for the students help them future challenges and opportunities as they move up to the elementary school.

— Jeffrey Bessen

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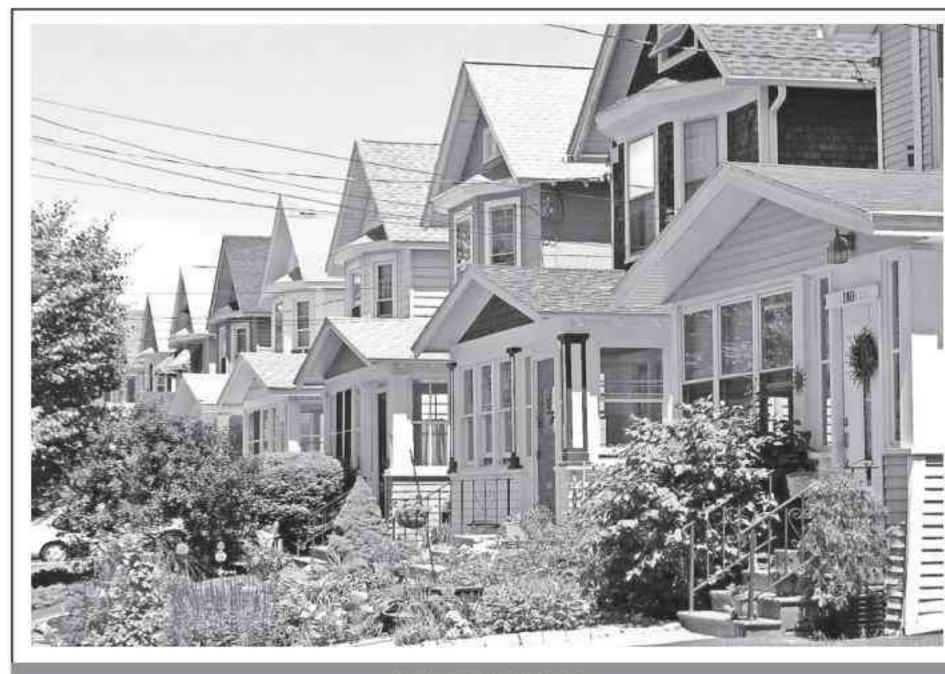
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Baldwin \$695,000

Atlantic Avenue. Hi Ranch. 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Eat-in kitchen with granite countertops and pantry. Formal dining room. Den/family room and home office. Security system. Taxes: \$12,823.90

Bellmore \$949,000

Susan Road. Colonial. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms. Finished basement. Eat-in kitchen with granite countertops. Formal dining room. Den/family room. Master bedroom with walk-in closet. Updates include cathedral ceiling. Taxes: \$17,782.27

East Meadow \$1,375,000

Tremont Place. New Colonial. 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. Eat-in kitchen. Formal dining room. Den/family room and home office. First floor master bedroom with walk-in closet.

Elmont \$600,000

Clay Street. Cape. 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Finished basement. Den/family room. First floor bedroom. Corner property.

Taxes: \$11,916

Freeport \$550,000

Martha Street. Split Level. 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom. Eat-in kitchen. Formal dining room. Taxes: \$10,935.89,

Island Park \$600,000

Hamilton Avenue. 2 Story. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Finished basement. Eat-in kitchen with granite countertops. Den/family room. First floor bedrooms. Updates include cathedral ceiling. Taxes: \$9,663.43

Long Beach \$775,500

Franklin Boulevard. Expanded Ranch. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Eat-in kitchen. Formal dining room. Den/family room. Master bedroom with walk-in closet. Taxes: \$11,860.67

Malverne \$723,000

Scarcliffe Drive. Colonial. 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Finished basement. Large eat-in kitchen with ample cabinets. Open floor plan. Formal dining room. Grand entry. Living room with gas fireplace. Spacious rooms and large storage attic.

Taxes: \$13,945.43

Merrick \$718,000

Kimberly Court. Splanch. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms. Eatin kitchen. Formal dining room. Den/family room. Taxes: \$14,859

Rockville Centre \$999,998

Yorkshire Road. Colonial. 3 bedrooms, 2.55 bathrooms. Partial finished basement. Eat-in kitchen with granite countertops. Formal dining room. Den/family room and home office. Security system. Taxes: \$27,459

Valley Stream \$810,000

E. Argyle Street. Cape. 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Finished basement with radiant heated floor and separate entrance. Updated eat-in kitchen with granite countertops and pantry. Den/family room. Fireplace. Updates include bathrooms and tankless hot water heater. Legal 2 side driveway. Security system.

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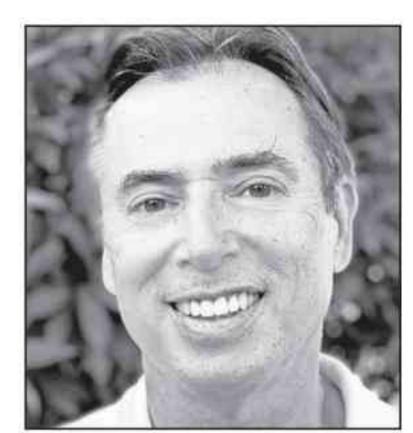
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A. Architecture is a 3-D puzzle of many facets of material, substance, parts and non-substance rules and laws. Space planning, the positioning of spaces to create the basis of the composition, is one part of the puzzle, and isn't the whole puzzle. Where genius is one part inspiration and 99 percent perspiration, according to Thomas Edison, the hard work is making the space planning stand up to lots

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of code requirements and physically come together as a functioning machine.

When a homeowner tries to rethink the plans, quite often something is left out, such as a structural point; a code-related issue, such as the number of windows for light, ventilation and fire escape; room sizes; accommodation for systems such as electrical, plumbing or mechanical systems; the ability to waterproof, restrict movement, etc. Changes made after the plans have come together are fraught with many problems that often have to be resolved.

The lack of understanding that structure has to transfer all the way through, from the top of the roof down to the foundation, is probably the most ignored and misunderstood part of what I refer to as do-it-yourself planning. It is why untrained and unqualified people should let the architect or engineer do their job, with trust that a building must be planned to resist many outside forces.

Then there is the orientation that causes heat loss and cooling problems, lack of daylight or the ability to escape in an emergency or be rescued. When you stump the plumber by leaving no way to run pipes, they sometimes get very creative, and I have seen the frustration when nobody thought about where the waste pipes were going to fit in without being seen. By inserting yourself into the planning, you may have caused the architect to throw their hands in the air trying to solve the brain-teaser of how they were going to make the project work, perform well throughout the life of the building or avoid the embarrassment of having to be asked by officials, workers or other design professionals, "Why would anybody do that?" If the architect isn't having the conversation with you, it's up to you to start that conversation and move the project along, taking their perspective into account. Good luck!

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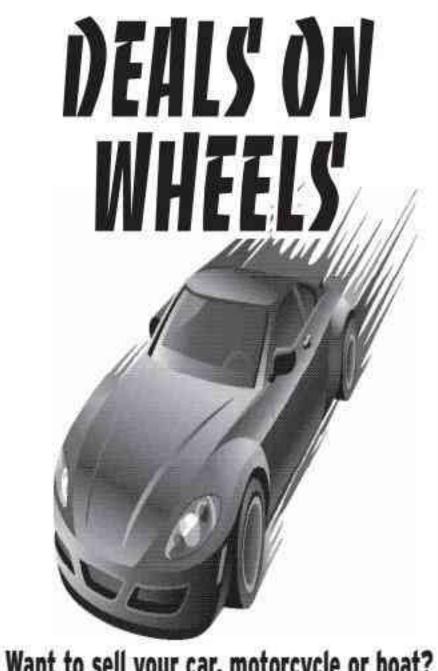
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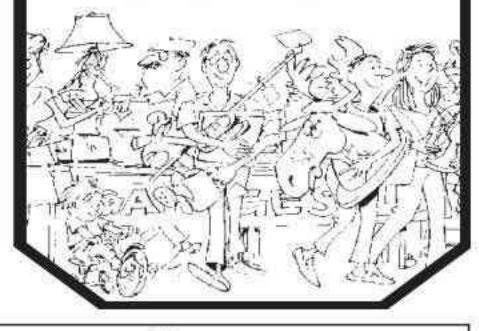
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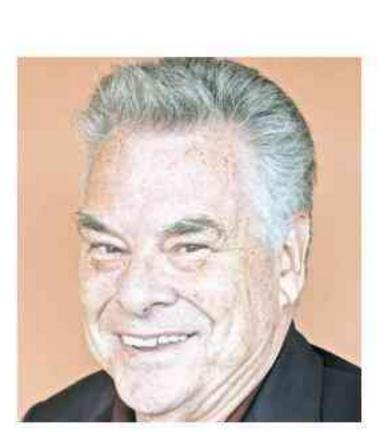
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uly Fourth is a holiday that truly deserves to be celebrated by all Americans. The bottom line is that July 4, 1776 began the daring experiment that led to the formation of

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the world, which has produced more opportunity and more freedoms for more types of people than ever thought imaginable. I say this not as a super patriot, but as someone whose individual experiences and opportunities to observe so many countries up

close have made me appreciate America even more than I would have otherwise.

Before the naysayers start with their litany of complaints, let me make it clear that I know full well that all

has not been perfect for everyone. Besides the unique injustices suffered by African-Americans and the discrimination against Jews, Catholics and Japanese Americans, there has been intolerance toward a number of immi-

grant groups, particularly those that arrived in waves, such as the Irish in the 1840s and the Italians in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Having said that, I believe unequivocally that no nation has done more to give more races and nationalities the opportunity to advance and live their lives to the fullest. These are people from many countries that

oppressed their own people or waged war against their neighboring countries, whose people have come to America and learned to live side by side.

At the international level, the United States rescued Europe in two world wars in the 20th century, and when, at

the end of World War II, we were as powerful as any world power had ever been — including having sole control of nuclear weapons — the U.S. not only began unilateral demobilization, but also rebuilt our enemies, Germany and

Japan. Then, in the face of Soviet aggression, we created the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and provided security and stability to a Europe, which had been wracked by wars for centuries.

What has made the great experiment work is not that we are a melting pot, but that we are a stained glass window, a mosaic in which each group maintains its indi-

vidual identity while adding to the overall beauty.

The greatest achievement of the American experiment was giving ordinary citizens the power to select their government leaders. No royalty or unelected dictators. While the leaders

we have selected have often not been perfect, the democratic system has worked. It is this system that has constantly striven to correct injustice and improve our quality of life, and which allows us to speak freely and demonstrate peacefully. Because we have these freedoms to make peaceful change, the anti-police riots in the summer of 2020 and the Jan 6, 2021, attack on the nation's Capitol cannot be justified.

American democracy is a great gift, but also a constant challenge. We do not have the luxury of complaining and sitting back. It is a contact sport. We cannot ignore injustice or inequity; nor can we allow ourselves to be defined by it. We must appreciate our nation's greatness and fulfill the freedoms and challenges it provides us all. God bless America! Happy Fourth of July!

Peter King is a former congressman, and a former chair of the House Committee on Homeland Security. Comments? pking@ liherald.com.

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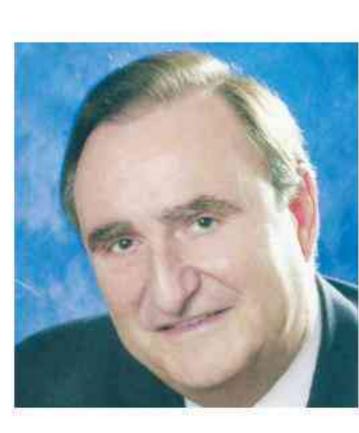
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confess that once you're in your 80s, you suffer from a variety of ills, major and minor. I'm lucky that the major ones are under control and that I am happily dealing only with a few minor ones, such as an arthritic knee. It's that knee that triggers this discussion about knees, and

fantasies.



JERRY KREMER

A few weeks ago, I crossed paths with an old friend from my Long Beach days. He noticed me limping down a nearby flight of stairs and asked about my health. I told him that I was dealing with the pain of arthritis in the knee, and was

undergoing some treatment. I thought that was the end of the discussion until two weeks later, when I met a friend who happens to be in the same business as my old Long Beach buddy.

The first words out of his mouth were, "I heard you were in a wheelchair because of some knee issue." I assured

him that the rumor was just that, but for that instant I felt sorry for President Biden, who on a daily basis is dealing with these types of gross exaggerations. In my case, my ailments will in no way interfere with my political career,

because it is long gone. But poor Biden must deal with this stuff and it isn't funny.

In the course of one week — well before last week's debate with Donald Trump — Biden had to face multiple false claims about his sanity, made by a political underground that thrives on destroying reputations to help Trump. During his trip to Normandy, France, to mark

the 80th anniversary of D-Day, Biden, surrounded by European officials, left the group to greet some paratroopers, and the opposition cropped his photo and claims he wandered off in some type of lost moment.

In another photo of the president that got the attention of the opposition, he stood in a crowd swaying to music, and because he didn't sway, he must have be caught in some type of moment. By now, the much-heralded first presidential debate will have taken place, so I am in no position to have handicapped that event to determine who came off the worst. I leave that decision to the political pundits.

Which leads me to the case of Trump. In recent weeks he has made more than his share of missteps, but somehow his acolytes can see no wrong. He can rant endlessly about washing machines, electric submarines and sharks and it attracts no criticism from his supporters. He recalls beating President Barack Obama in the 2016 election and his defenders claim it's

just Donald being Donald.

He recently spoke about getting migrants to take part in a "migrant league of fighters," and suggested that the champion might beat the champion of the Ultimate Fighting Championship. His remarks do bring back memories of his involvement in the World Wrestling Federation, which became World Wresting Entertainment, but that's just more word salad from the

master word chef.

Trump's repeated call for Biden to take the Montreal Cognitive Assessment, which Trump claims he "aced," are totally off base, because, according to Dr. Daniela Lamas of Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital, it isn't an aptitude test, but rather a screening test for dementia or other cognitive decline. Picking out a whale a dog or a cow doesn't reflect genius.

There are countless other examples of the gotchas that the candidates can roll out to cut the legs off of their opponents. Some observers claim that Trump's missteps far outweigh and outnumber Biden's. To his credit, Biden has not taken on the strange Trump antics, leaving that to the media police.

We still have months to go before Nov. 5, so for now, don't swallow everything you see on the political scene. In the words of the great President Ronald Reagan, "Trust, but verify."

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In Congress, July 4, 1776

The Declaration of Independence was first published on July 6, 1776, in a newspaper, the Pennsylvania Evening Post. We are proud to commemorate that high point in American journalism by reprinting that historic document.

hen in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

e has refused his Assent to Laws,

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at

places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness of his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected, whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws of Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislature.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their acts of pretended legislation:

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing taxes on us without our consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our Government:

For suspending our own legislature, and declaring themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy of the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free People.

Nor have We been wanting in attention to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

e, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our Sacred Honor.

The Declaration was signed first by John Hancock, president of the Continental Congress, and then by 55 others representing the 13 original states.

OPINIONS

Why all history is good history

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he other week, I attended an extraordinarily interesting lecture at Raynham Hall Museum, in Oyster Bay, by Megan Rhodes Victor, about bars and meeting places for gender-nonconforming people in the 1700s. During Dr. Victor's lecture, I was struck not only by the fascinating cultural history of so-called molly houses — the 18th- and 19th-century term for places where gay men and others with



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nontraditional gender preferences could slip away from a society that refused to accept them — but also by how recent the research on this topic was.

For most of the 200 years following the end of the molly house era, the historical

records, and even the existence, of such establishments were suppressed and denied, out of fear of "poisoning" the morals of society.

This got me thinking: How much history has been lost, ignored or forgotten simply because it didn't conform with societal norms, or made people uncomfortable, or didn't fit a political narrative. Only in the past 20 years or so have historians and archaeologists been able to explore so many fascinating examples

of different cultures, minorities and characteristics of historical figures without the weight of societal pressure, and expectations of what is "good history," holding them back.

Because all history is good history. The more we learn about our past, the

better understanding we'll have of how we got where we are today, and where we're headed tomorrow. And the more we learn about historically marginalized communities and the fascinating roles their members played in our world story, the more we will learn to accept others who are different from us.

To quote a random poster on the internet: "Studying history will sometimes

make you uncomfortable. Studying history will sometimes make you feel deeply upset. Studying history will sometimes make you feel extremely angry. If studying history always makes you feel proud and happy, you probably aren't studying history."

Such scholarship is also essential in challenging jingoistic, nationalistic and downright bigoted conceptions of history. For example, most people are likely unaware that several of our American Founding Fathers were gender-nonconformers. Baron Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, the Prussian-American military officer who molded the Continental

Army into a professional fighting force at Valley Forge, never married, and had close, intimate relationships with male aides-de-camp and secretaries throughout his life.

Alexander Hamilton, who was probably what we would call bisexual today,

and his "particular friend," John Laurens, were also likely lovers, because the language they used when writing to each other was practically drowning in romantic and sexual innuendo, even when a reader today takes into consideration the overtly flowery and dramatic language of the times. Indeed, the letters they exchanged were so spicy that when Hamilton's

son was writing his father's biography and publishing his correspondence, he blanked out entire sections of the letters, and on one letterhead even wrote, "I must not publish the whole of this."

Beyond the gender-nonconforming community, there is also the fascinating history of the Muslim-Americans who fought for our country in the American Revolution. Muster rolls listing men with Muslim names, such as Bampett Muhamed, Yusuf Ben Ali and Joseph Saba, who were probably of West African descent, show that as far back as the United States has existed, Islam has been a proud and essential ingredient in

our cultural melting pot.

When people argue against gay people being allowed to serve in the military, or that a woman's place is only in the home, or that transgender people don't actually exist and are an excuse for predatory behavior, they're not just being close-minded, they're also rejecting historical precedents. If gay people aren't right for the military, how do you explain the conquests of Alexander the Great, whose best friend, Hephaestion, was also his lover? If women only belong in the home, then explain the breathtaking intelligence of Marie Curie. And if being trans is a recent phenomenon, then why do records of transgender or gender-nonconforming people exist in various cultures since before the Vikings?

History shows that our biases against these and other minorities is not only shortsighted, ugly and, frankly, idiotic, but also plain wrong. Which is why it is so important that aspects of historical study that have been suppressed for centuries be allowed to see the light of day. To quote Capt. Raymond Holt from the Fox/NBC series "Brooklyn 99" — played by the late, incomparable Andre Braugher — "Every time someone steps up and says who they are, the world becomes a better, more interesting place."

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LETTERS

For my daughters, I'll vote for Laura Gillen

To the Editor:

Re Laura Gillen's op-ed last week, "I'm running to fight for women's freedoms": As a New Yorker, I have always felt that women's right to making reproductive health care decisions were safe in this state. With the overturning of Roe v. Wade, that is not the case. In her piece, Gillen described the frightening ramifications across the nation.

I have two adult daughters of childbearing age. I need to know that they will have the right to terminate a pregnancy if there are complications, that they will have the right to fertility treatments if need be, and that they will have access to contraception. In addition, I need to know that there will be doctors still willing to deal with these situations without fear of jeopardizing their medical licenses.

A national ban on abortion is a real possibility. Although he tries to portray himself as a moderate, I know that our current congressman, Anthony D'Esposito, has a record of being an antichoice extremist. For New York women to be safe from restrictions on their reproductive medical care, we need a law that will codify Roe and once again make it the law of the land. I will be voting for Laura Gillen because I know she will support that. D'Esposito will not vote to codify Roe, which would protect a woman's right to make the most personal of medical decisions without government interference.

My daughters' rights to reproductive health care, including contraception and in vitro fertilization treatments, are on the line.

> PAMELA KORN Hewlett

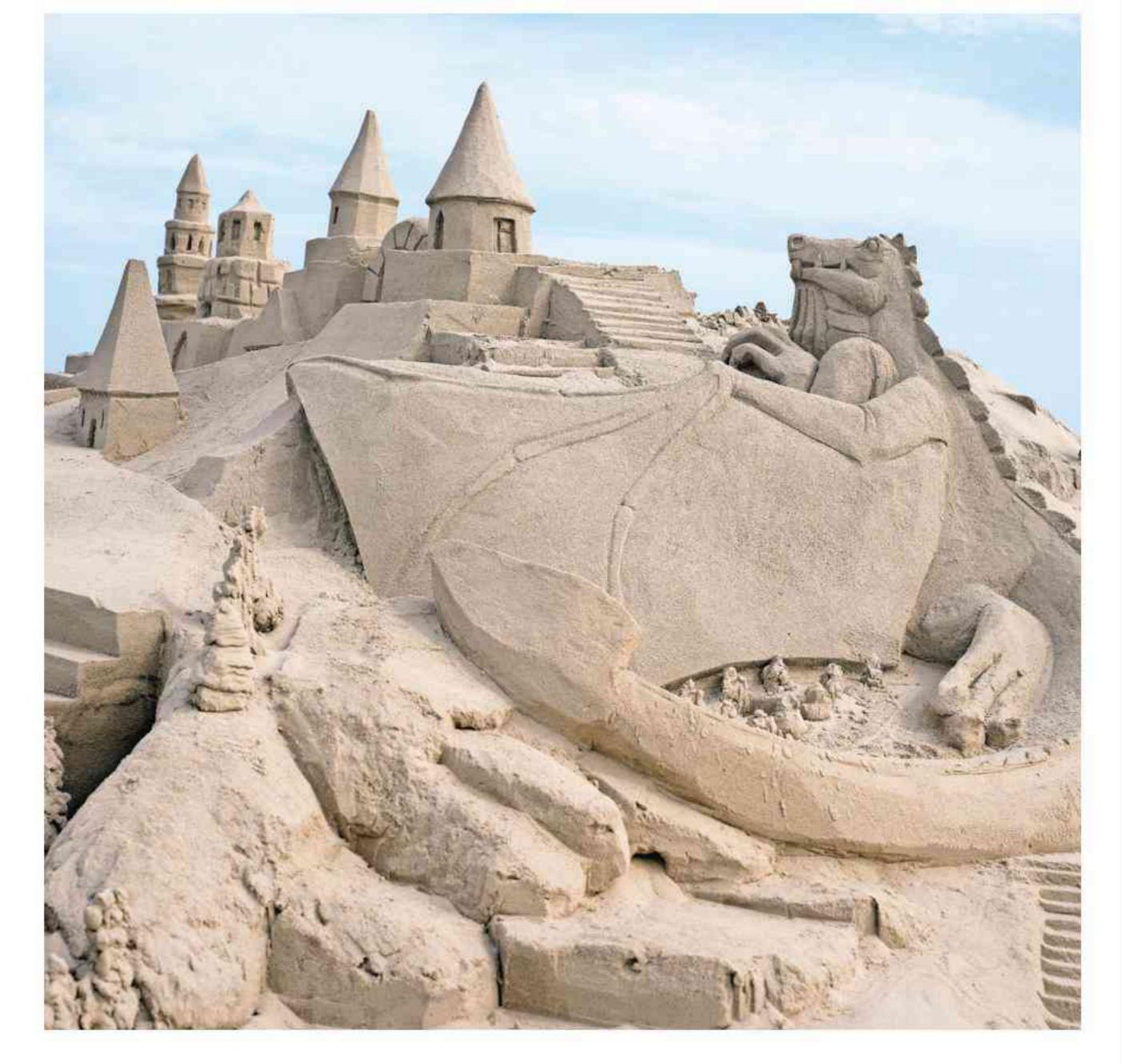
CORRECTION

The photo of Rob Moore in last week's Graduation Section, on the 'Check Out Who Graduated From Our Local High Schools' page, was incorrect. This is Rob Moore, who graduated from Hempstead High School in 1986 and played in the National Football League.



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